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Cカラー!!

今日なんだ。

たるのは、いつだって…

ゆくゆくはムービースターやマネジメントまで!?シリーズ開幕!!

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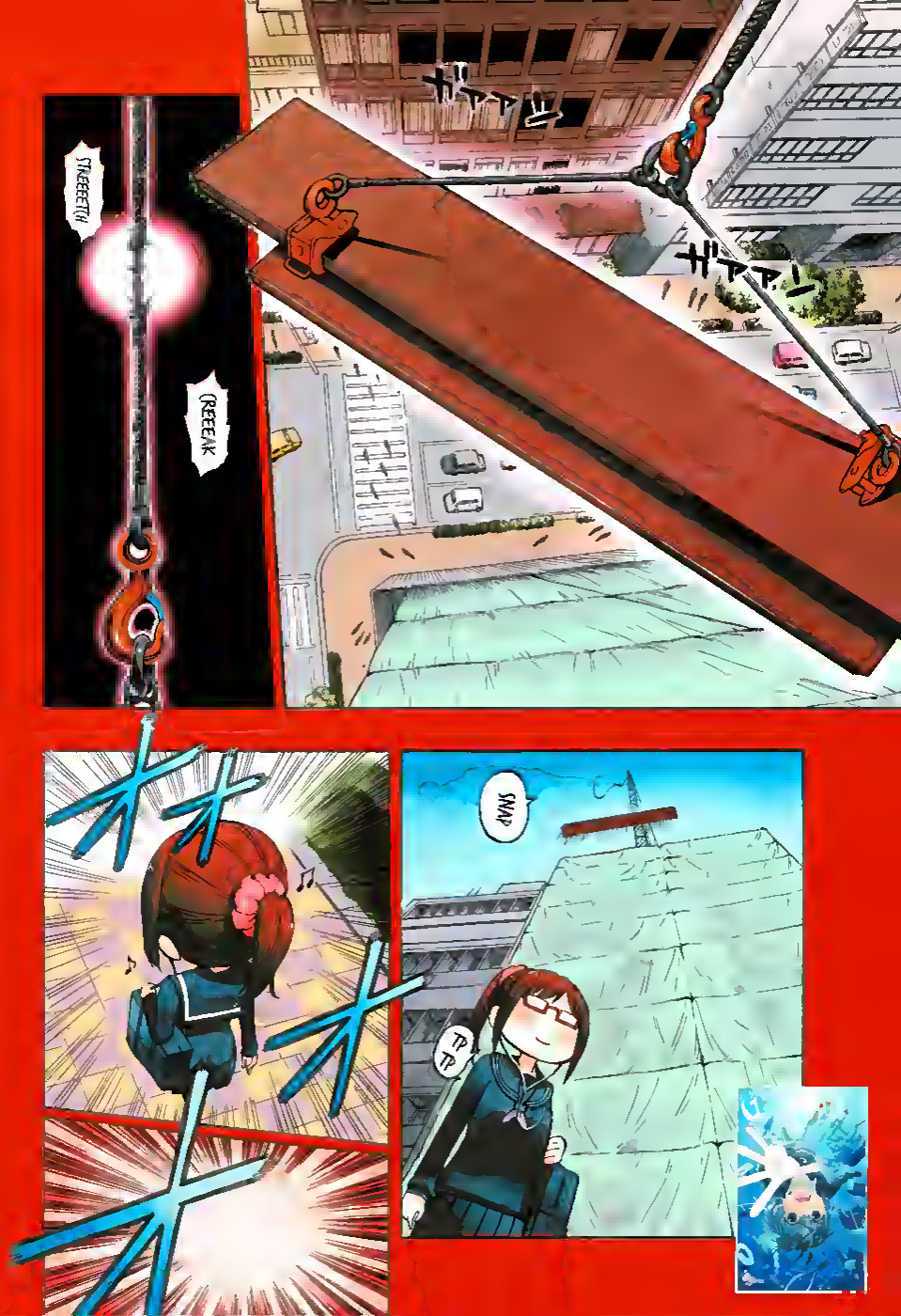
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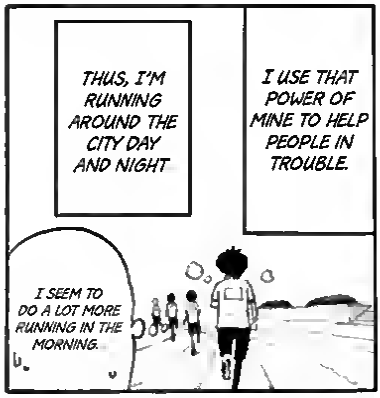
(REEEAK
(TAEEEETH
SNAP
TP
TP

KYAH!?
I HAVE TO HURRY OR HE'LL CHOKE ON THAT MOCHI!
NEXT IS, UM... THAT OLD MAN ON THE FIRST BLOCK!!
HUH?
PHEW, MADE IT IN TIME.
Are you okay!?
U-UM..
WHAT'S YOUR NAME...?
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

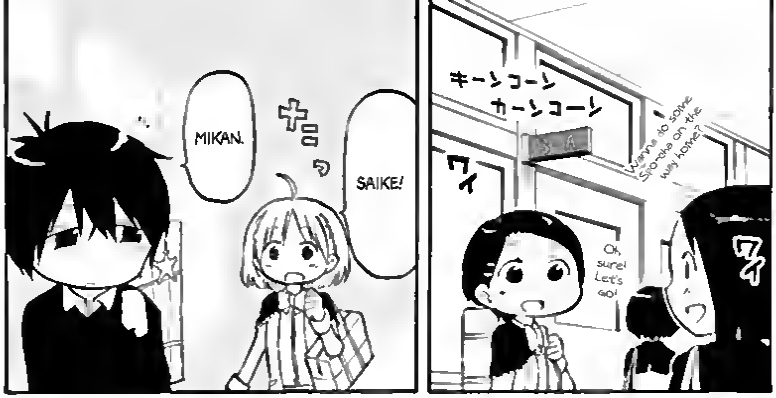
MY NAME IS KUZUSHIRO SAIKE.
I'M A THIRD-YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.
THREE LAPS LEFT!
QUIT DAWDLING AND RUN LIKE YOU MEAN IT!
ピッ
ピッ
ピッ

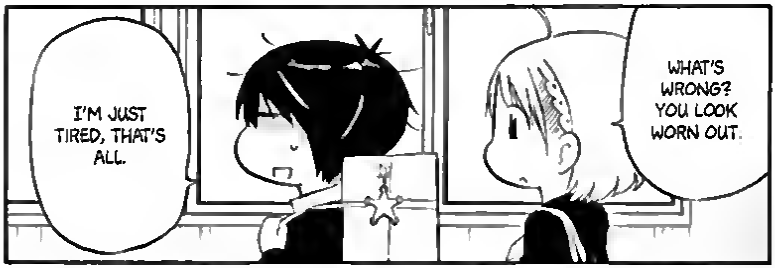
I HAVE A SECRET POWER.
AND THAT IS...
はぁ…!
Don't say crazy things.
AND TO THINK I RUN AROUND THE CITY EVERY DAY AS PART OF MY HEROIC DUTIES...


THUS, I'M RUNNING AROUND THE CITY DAY AND NIGHT
I USE THAT POWER OF MINE TO HELP PEOPLE IN TROUBLE.
I SEEM TO DO A LOT MORE RUNNING IN THE MORNING.

THE POWER TO DROWN MYSELF IN MOGURA POND IN THE THIRD DISTRICT...
AND RETURN TO 7 A.M. OF THAT DAY.
7:00

IT'D BE ABOUT HOW HARD P.E. IS TODAY.
BUT IF I HAD TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING NOW...
I wanna go home...
YOU'RE TOO SLOW, KUZUSHIRO!


MIKAN.
SAIKE!
キーンコーン
カーンコーン
Wanna go to some
Starbucks on the
way home?
Oh,
sure!
Let's
go!


I'M JUST TIRED, THAT'S ALL.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK WORN OUT.

DING DONG
Yes?

I'M GOING TO THE BEAUTY SALON TODAY, SO I'LL STOP BY YOUR HOUSE LATER TO RETURN IT.
Well, later~
OH YEAH! THANKS FOR LENDING ME THAT REFERENCE BOOK EARLIER!
Kay. See you later.

MIKAN?

えぐっ
えぐっ
SAIKEEE...
ドーン
WHAT HAPPENED, MIKAN!?
Your hair!

THE STYLIST FELL ASLEEP WHILE CUTTING MY HAIR...
ガキ
HUH?
AH.
うう
Isn't it horrible?
THAT SORT OF THING ACTUALLY HAPPENS!?
That guy's pretty dangerous then!

I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW WITH MY HAIR LIKE THIS...
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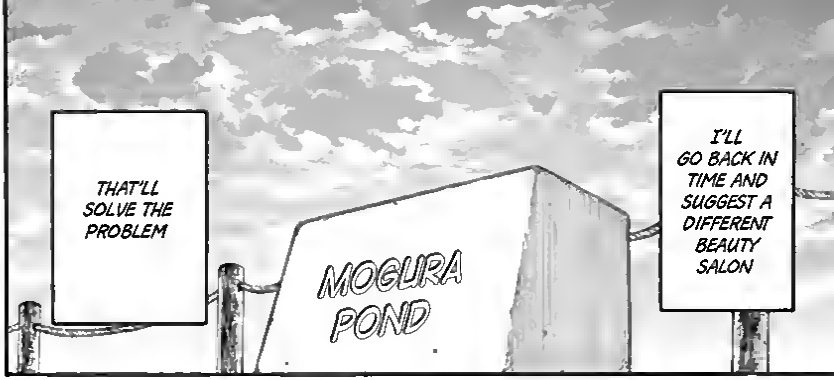
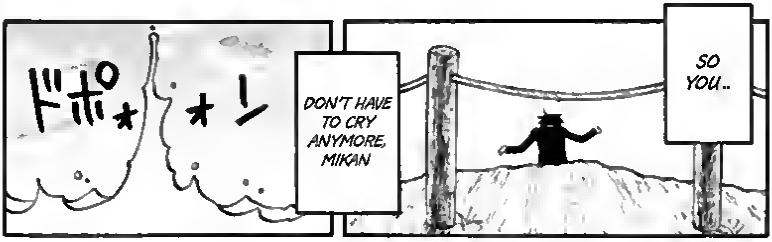
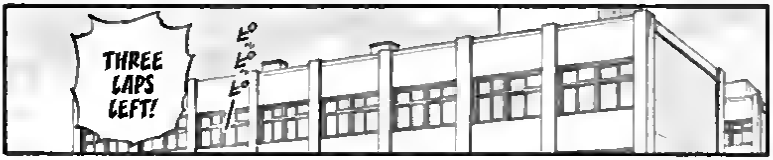
IT'S NOT *THAT* BIG A DEAL
BUT... BUT...
OKAY, I GET IT. JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
HUH?


THAT'LL SOLVE THE PROBLEM
MOGURA POND
I'LL GO BACK IN TIME AND SUGGEST A DIFFERENT BEAUTY SALON


DON'T HAVE TO CRY ANYMORE, MIKAN
SO YOU..


THREE LAPS LEFT!

DAMN IT...
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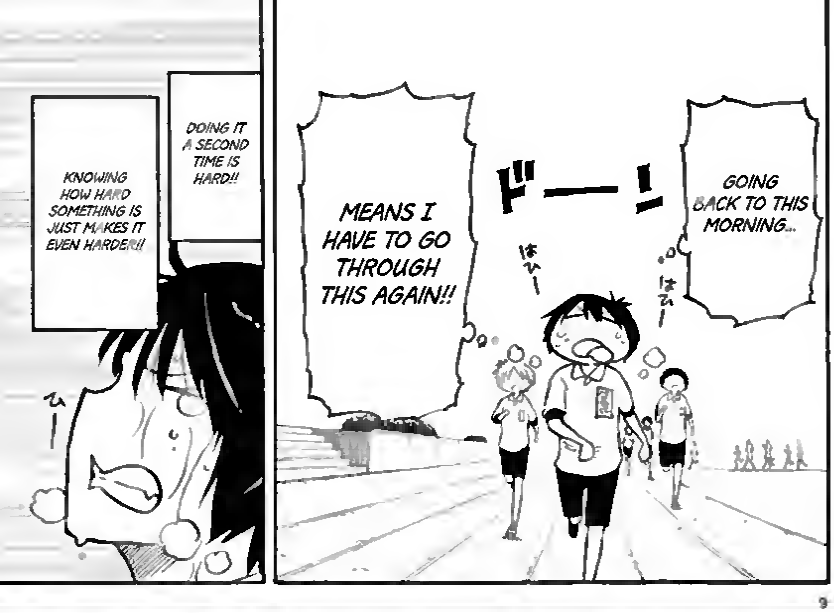
KNOWING HOW HARD SOMETHING IS JUST MAKES IT EVEN HARDER!!
DOING IT A SECOND TIME IS HARD!!
MEANS I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN!!
GOING BACK TO THIS MORNING...

DING DONG
YES?
SHE GOT A DIFFERENT STYLIST, SO THINGS SHOULD BE FINE.
MIKAN?
I'M FINE... I'M FINE...
HM? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO WORN OUT?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO THERE?
MIKAN
THERE'S A "PARIS COLLECTION" IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD APPARENTLY SOME STYLISTS GO THERE...
Hard is it now?
Google it

IT GOT EVEN WORSE!!
SAIKEEE...
ドドドド
He's all rolled up!

THIS ONE WAS TOO PUSHY, HUH...
ガビーン
Perfect!
Huh?
Ooh, it's transparent!
This is way too advanced for me...
THE PERSON AT PARIS COLLECTION DID THIS...

SO YOU...
DON'T HAVE TO CRY ANYMORE, MIKAN.
LEAVE IT TO ME.
D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
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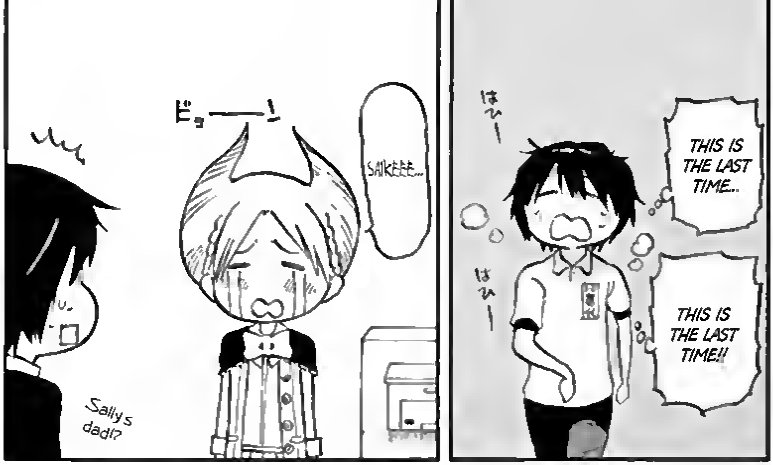
I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW WITH MY HAIR LIKE THIS...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SAIKEEE...
Sally's dad!?
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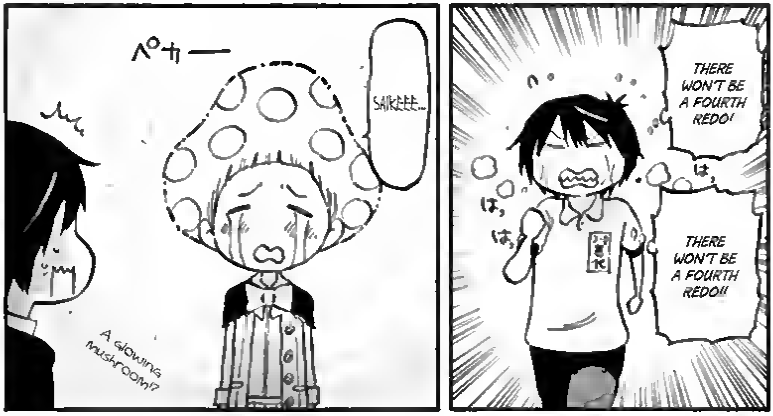
THIS IS THE LAST TIME..
THIS IS THE LAST TIME!!


ペカ――
SAIKEEE...
A glowing mushroom!?
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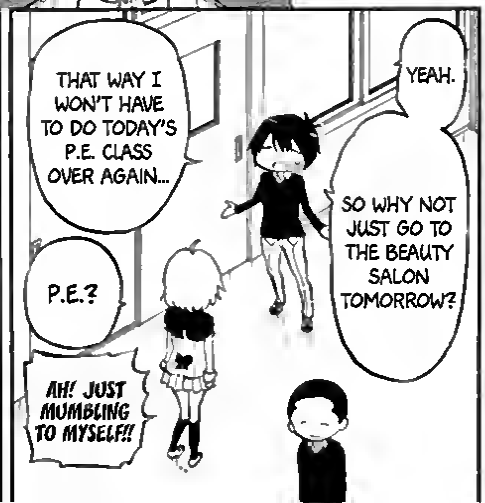
は、
THERE WON'T BE A FOURTH REDO!
THERE WON'T BE A FOURTH REDO!!

ドー!
SAIKEEE...
What the!?
NO MORE, NO MORE, NO MORE,
NO MORE!!

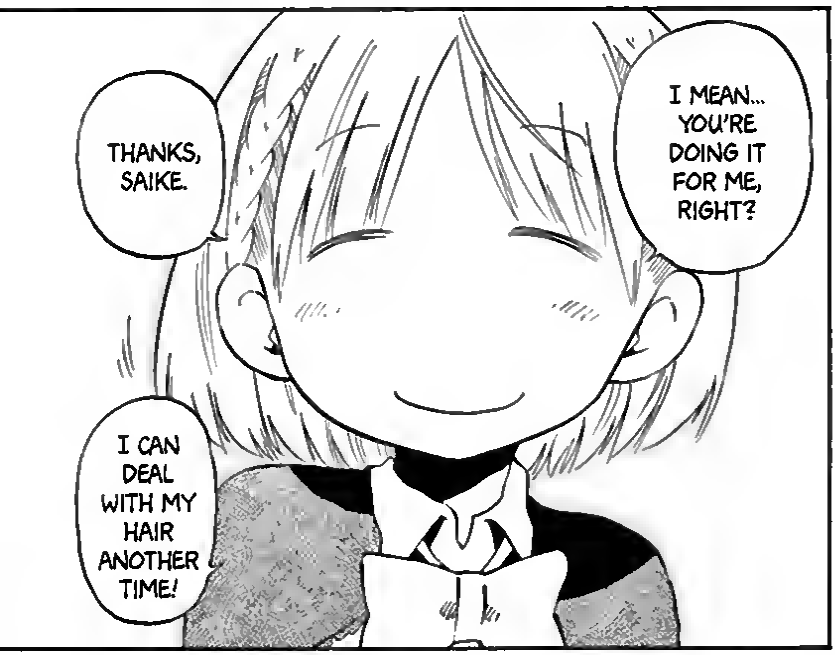
I HAVE TO KEEP RUNNING UNTIL HER HAIRCUT IS PERFECT, BUT I'M AT MY LIMIT!!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS...
SCRITCH
• GUNGNIR
• HAMADA BEAUTICIANS
• HARMON
• DEJA VU DE-NILE

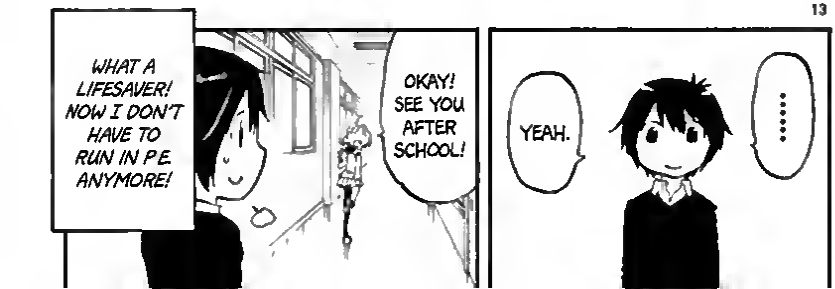
YOU WANT TO STUDY TOGETHER AT YOUR HOUSE?
HM?

C'MON, IT WON'T HURT!
TO-MOR-ROW IS...
HMM
BUT YOU KNOW
PLEASE!?


THAT WAY I WON'T HAVE TO DO TODAY'S P.E. CLASS OVER AGAIN...
YEAH.
SO WHY NOT JUST GO TO THE BEAUTY SALON TOMORROW?
P.E.?
AH! JUST MUMBLING TO MYSELF!!

YOU SAID YOU WERE HAVING A TOUGH TIME STUDYING FOR EXAMS, RIGHT!?
IF IT'S TOMORROW, I'LL REPEAT IT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT!
I JUST CAN'T TAKE REPEATING P.E. ONE MORE TIME!
OKAY, LET'S DO THAT!
REALLY!?


I MEAN... YOU'RE DOING IT FOR ME, RIGHT?
THANKS, SAIKE.
I CAN DEAL WITH MY HAIR ANOTHER TIME!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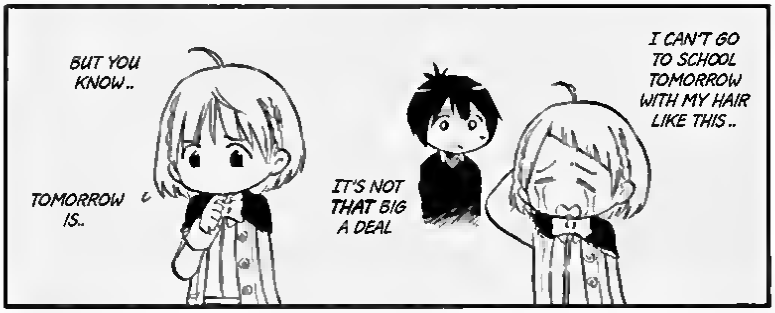
YEAH.
OKAY! SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL!
WHAT A LIFESAVER! NOW I DON'T HAVE TO RUN IN P.E. ANYMORE!

HEY, TAKAGI!
YOUR HAIR'S A MESS!
ALRIGHT, NOW I CAN RELAX A LITTLE...
AS LONG AS I'M STILL HELPING ENOUGH PEOPLE, IT'S FINE IF I TAKE IT EASY EVERY NOW AND THEN!
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO TROUBLE MYSELF WITH DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT OVER AND OVER.

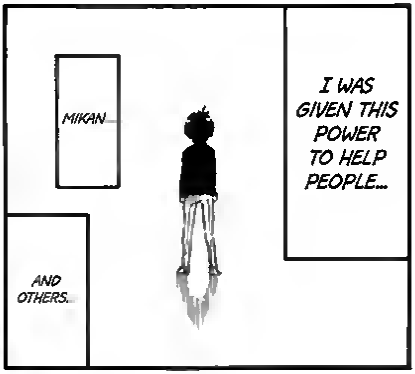
YEAH, I GET IT, TEACH!
GET IT CUT BY TOMORROW, HEAR?

TOMORROW'S PICTURE DAY FOR THE GRADUATION ALBUM, RIGHT?
AH...


BUT YOU KNOW..
TOMORROW IS..
IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL
I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW WITH MY HAIR LIKE THIS..

THANKS, SAIKE.
I CAN DEAL WITH MY HAIR ANOTHER TIME!
I MEAN... YOU'RE DOING IT FOR ME, RIGHT?

WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING!!?
OOO-ORR-RRR...
BUT I'VE ONLY BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO USE IT TO BENEFIT MYSELF..
WHETHER IT'S EASY OR DIFFICULT, I HAVE TO HELP OTHERS!!
ORA-AAA-AH...


MIKAN...
AND OTHERS..
I WAS GIVEN THIS POWER TO HELP PEOPLE...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HAVE TO REPEAT IT!!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES, I'LL KEEP ON RUNNING!!
YOU STUPID IDIOT!!!
ORAA-AAAA-AGH!!!
3-1
KUZU-SHIRO
RUN LIKE THE WIIII-IIIND!!!

DING DONG

WAS THIS STYLIST NO GOOD TOO...?
WOBBLE
MIKAN...

HM?
NO, THEY WERE FINE. ♪
The place was kind of fun though.

THANKS, SAIKE!♡
Something wrong?
AHAH
AHAHA..

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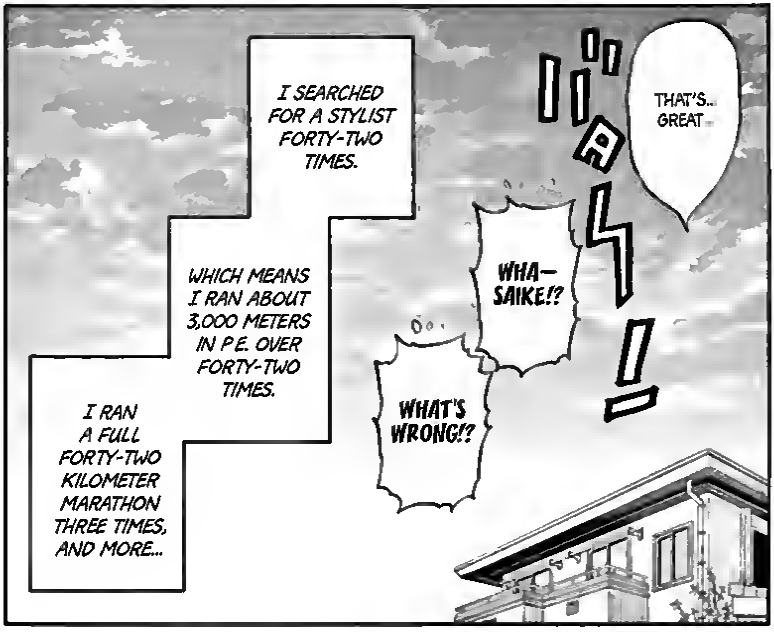
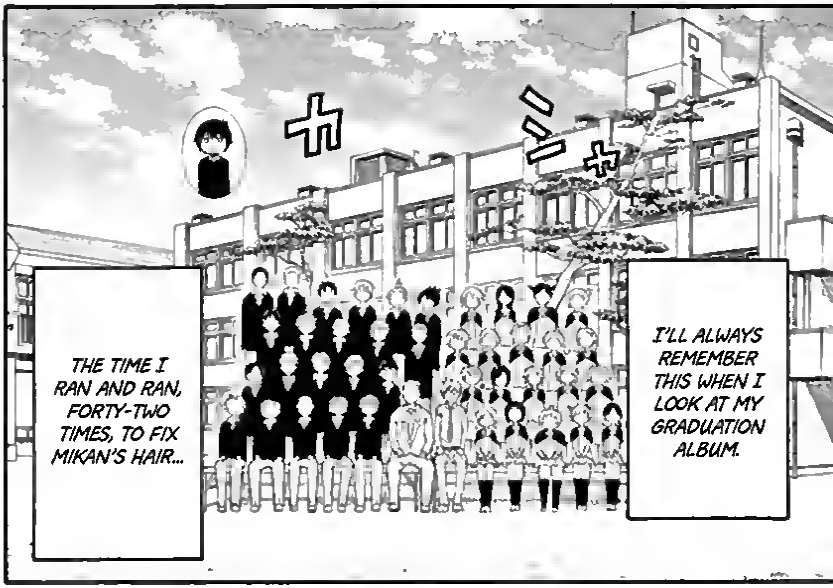

I SEARCHED FOR A STYLIST FORTY-TWO TIMES.
WHICH MEANS I RAN ABOUT 3,000 METERS IN P.E. OVER FORTY-TWO TIMES.
I RAN A FULL FORTY-TWO KILOMETER MARATHON THREE TIMES, AND MORE...
WHAT'S WRONG!?
WHA— SAIKE!?
THAT'S... GREAT...
HAAA!!

LOOK AT THE CAMERA... READY...
SAY, "FUZZY PICKLES!"


THE TIME I RAN AND RAN, FORTY-TWO TIMES, TO FIX MIKAN'S HAIR...
I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS WHEN I LOOK AT MY GRADUATION ALBUM.

THIS FEELING OF EXHAUS-TION.
AND...

YOU'RE A FILTHY SMEAR ON YOUR FATHER'S NAME.
YOU GOT INTO ANOTHER FIGHT, EIJI?
WHY WERE YOU BORN INTO THE HIZU FAMILY?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH TRASH?
TAKE 16: CAT COUNTRY 1
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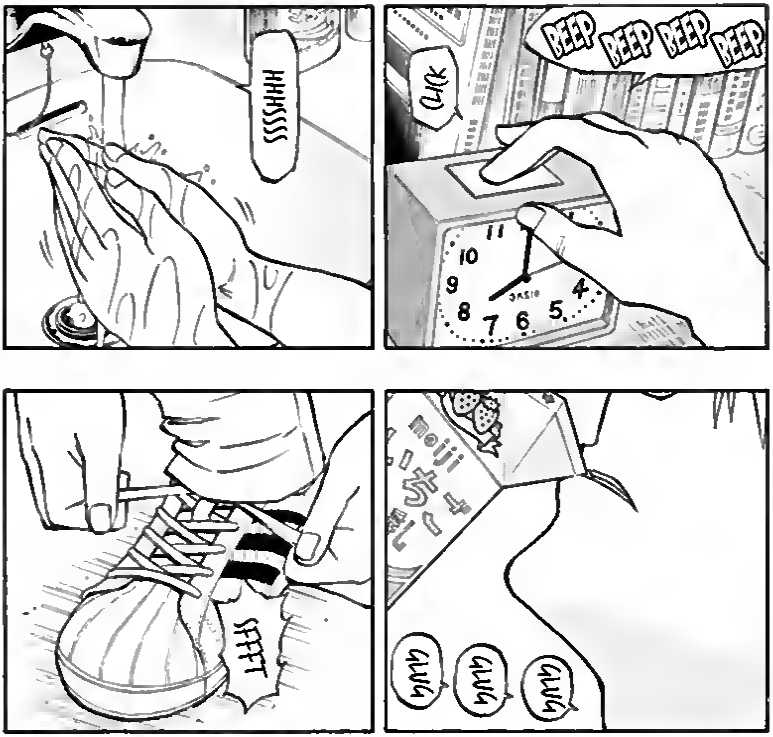
.....!
HOW YOU LIVE AND WHAT YOU DO IS NO LONGER ANY CONCERN OF MINE.
NEVER LET ME SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN


HHHSSSS
CLICK
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
CASIO
meiji
GUUU
GUUU
GUUU
SHIFT

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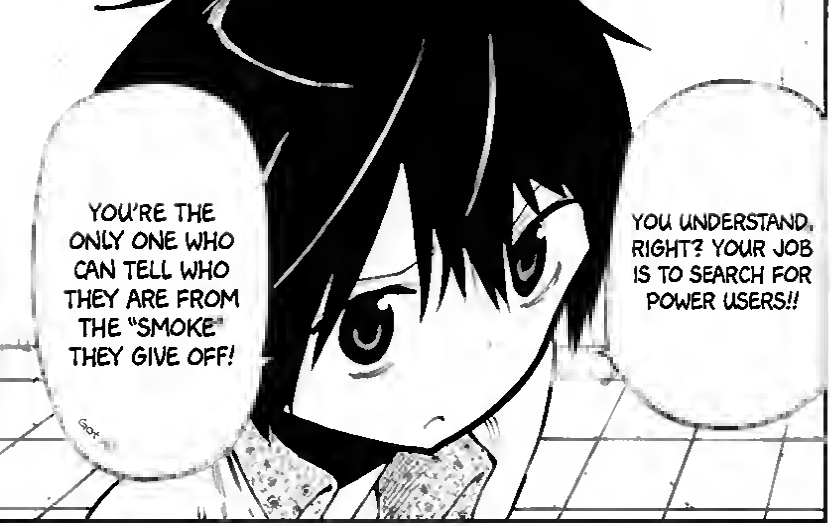
ALRIGHT
LET'S GO.

TAKE16
CAT COUNTRY 1

Kuzushiro

I SAID I'D HELP YOU WITH WORK, RIGHT?
I brought snacks
YOU REALLY CAME...


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TELL WHO THEY ARE FROM THE "SMOKE" THEY GIVE OFF!
Got it.
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT? YOUR JOB IS TO SEARCH FOR POWER USERS!!

AND ONCE WE FIND 'EM, WE KICK THEIR ASSES, RIGHT?
YUP.
I GOT IT.

WE DON'T?
NO!!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO KICK THEIR ASSES!?
YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL!!

ONCE WE FIND SOMEONE WITH A POWER, WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY'RE "GOOD" OR "EVIL."
OOH, I GET IT.
I've said this plenty of times!
THAT'S ONLY IF THEY'RE USING THEIR POWERS FOR EVIL!
EGG
YUKIYA

STOP
SO IF THEY END UP BEING EVIL, THEN WHAT?

I'LL HELP TOO–
WHAT'S WITH THAT, SAIKE?
NO!!
YOU JUST REMAIN ON STANDBY.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

THIS IS WORK THAT'LL BRING US CLOSE TO DEATH.
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
EVERYONE HAS SOMEONE WHO'D BE SAD IF THEY DIED.
OF COURSE, THAT GOES FOR ME TOO.
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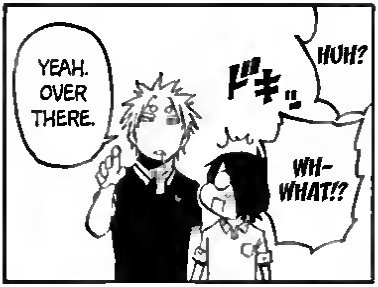
YOU DUMMY...
WHAT WOULD I DO IF YOU DIED ON ME, SAIKE...
I CANNOT DIE.
SO I WON'T DIE.

YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE WHO'D MOURN YOUR DEATH TOO, RIGHT?
SO I WON'T LET YOU DO SUCH DANGEROUS WORK.
GOT IT?
.....
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE WHO'D MOURN ME.
HUH?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH TRASH?
NEVER LET ME SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN.
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THIS WORK MIGHT KILL ME.
LET ME HELP YOU.

I TOLD YOU...
I WANT TO SEE YOUR FINAL MOMENTS.
.....!
THAT AGAIN...
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
JUST WHAT ON EARTH GOES THROUGH THIS GUY'S HEAD...

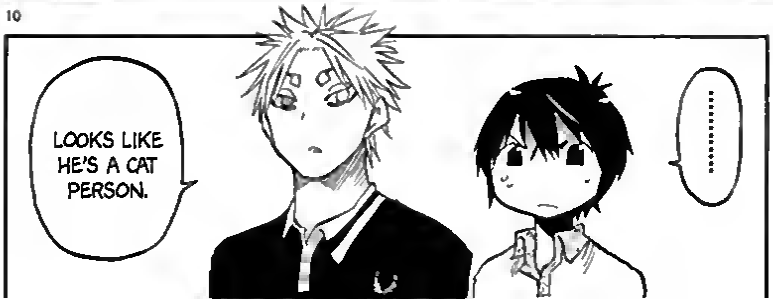

HUH?
ドキ
WH-WHAT!?
YEAH. OVER THERE.

!
CAN I REALLY TRUST HIM?
THERE'S A POWER USER NEARBY.

HE'S GOT SMOKE COMING OFF HIM.
.....!!

LET'S FOLLOW HIM, SAIKE.
DUDE REEKS OF BEING A CRIMINAL
REALLY!?

Cat Cafe
WHISKER CAT


LOOKS LIKE HE'S A CAT PERSON.
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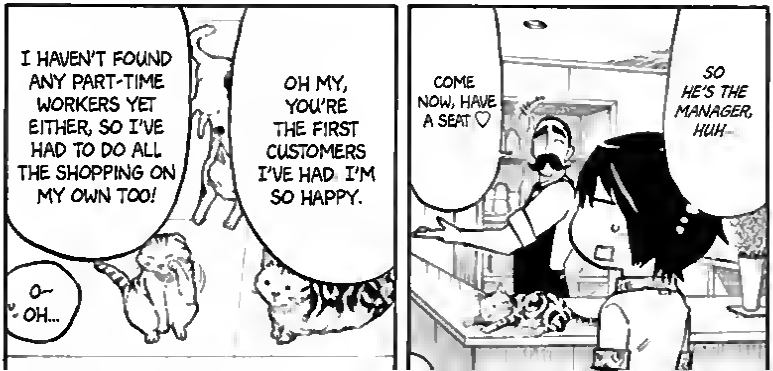
DING DING
WELCOME, WELCOME.♪
Bonjour
WELCOME TO THE WHISKER CAT.♡


I HAVEN'T FOUND ANY PART-TIME WORKERS YET EITHER, SO I'VE HAD TO DO ALL THE SHOPPING ON MY OWN TOO!
OH MY, YOU'RE THE FIRST CUSTOMERS I'VE HAD. I'M SO HAPPY.
O-OH...
COME NOW, HAVE A SEAT♡
SO HE'S THE MANAGER, HUH...

I'LL BRING YOU A MENU, SO FEEL FREE TO PLAY WITH MY KITTIES WHILE YOU WAIT.♡
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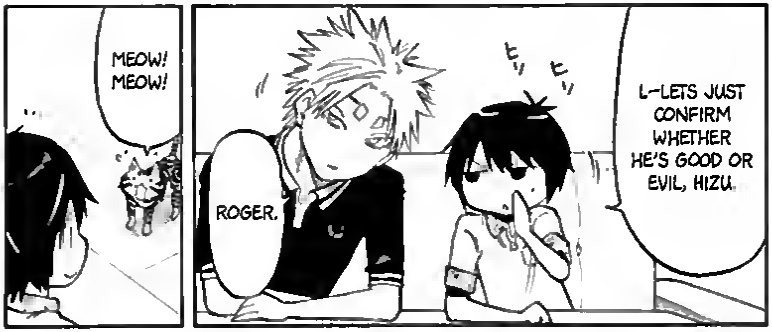
L-LETS JUST CONFIRM WHETHER HE'S GOOD OR EVIL, HIZU.
ヒソ ヒソ
ROGER.
MEOW! MEOW!

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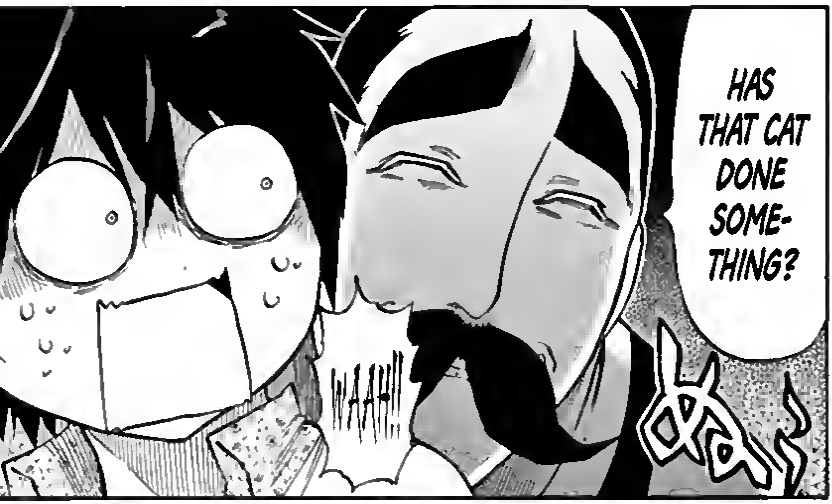
THAT BEING SAID, I LOVE CATS!
So cute!
MEOW
C'MON, HIZU! DON'T YOU WANNA PLAY TOO?
I'M MORE OF A DOG PERSON PASS.
MORE IMPORTANTLY DOESN'T THAT CAT LOOK SORTA LIKE IT'S ASKING FOR SOMETHING?
I WONDER WHY.. MAYBE IT'S HUNGRY?
So cute
MEOW! MEOW!
MEOW! MEOW!!

THIS CAT...
.....?
.....!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!!


HAS THAT CAT DONE SOME-THING?
WAAH!!

スリスリ～
I RAISE THEM WITH PLENTY OF LOVE.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE CAT DISAGREES.
MY LITTLE KITTIES ARE SPECIAL, YOU SEE...
HISS
HISS

Especially this one!
I KNOW, RIGHT!?
N-NOTHING! CATS ARE JUST ADORABLE!!

A-ANYWAY, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT, HIZU?
IT'LL BE BAD IF HE STARTS TO SUSPECT US!

ゴゴゴ
Menu
For when you're tired,
SCOTTISH FOLD TEA
400 yen
For when you're anxious,
AMERICAN SHORTHAIR TEA
400 yen
ゴゴゴ

For when you're tired,
SCOTTISH FOLD TEA
400 yen
For when you're anxious,
AMERICAN SHORTHAIR TEA
400 yen

SO THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO I HAVE...
AH.. WELL, YOU SEE, THIS IS A ONE-MAN OPERATION RIGHT NOW..
AH! BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU OF THE TASTE!

SCOTTISH FOLD TEA AND...
AMERICAN SHORTHAIR TEA?
Only two choices?
Menu

SO PLEASE, CHOOSE WHICHEVER YOU LIKE.
...u!!
MMMM

YEAH...
THEY SAY PEOPLE WHO'RE GOOD WITH ANIMALS CAN'T BE BAD..
WHAT DO YOU THINK, HIZU?
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD PERSON.

I'LL HAVE AMERICAN
THEN I'LL HAVE THE SCOTTISH
OF COURSE! RIGHT AWAY

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
EEK!
MAYBE HE'S A POWER USER WHO S ALSO A GOOD PERSON?
HE DOESN'T SEEM POISED FOR AN ATTACK...
AND THE PRICES ARE PRETTY FAIR, TOO

BUT SHOULD I REALLY JUST DRINK WHATEVER HE GIVES ME?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? IT SEEMS INVITING ENOUGH TO DRINK...
ENJOY IT WHILE IT'S HOT!

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M JUST OVERTHINKING THIS, HIZU.
MM, GOOD.
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BUT IF HE REALLY IS JUST A GOOD PERSON, IT WOULD BE RUDE NOT TO DRINK ANY...

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ON THE OFF CHANCE IT IS POISONED OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I'LL JUST GO TO MOGURA POND AND JUMP IN SO I CAN RESTART BEFORE I CROAK, SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL!!
IN THE END, HE WAS STILL RUDE.
OKAY. I'LL DRINK IT!
THIS ISN'T BECAUSE HIZU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
I SHOULDN'T BE DOUBTING HIM JUST BECAUSE HE HAS A POWER, ANYWAY!
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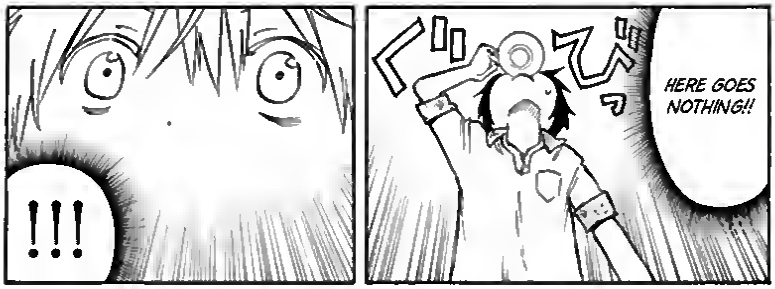
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HERE GOES NOTHING!!

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YOU KNOW YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING REALLY RUDE OUT LOUD, RIGHT?
MUCH BETTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT IT'D BE!!
IT'S GREAT!
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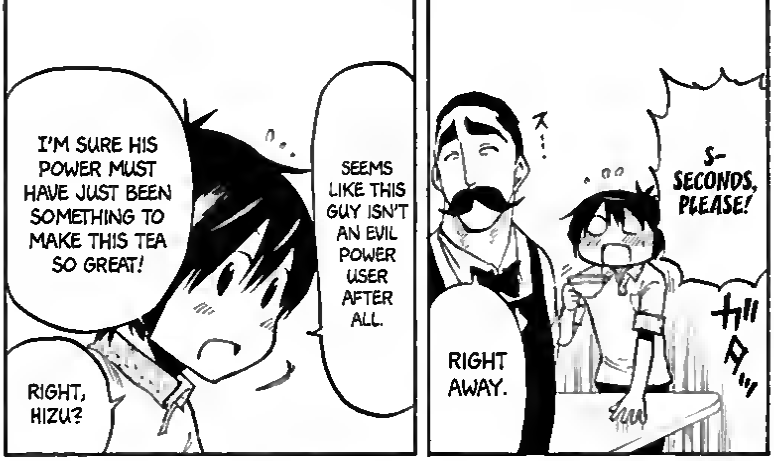
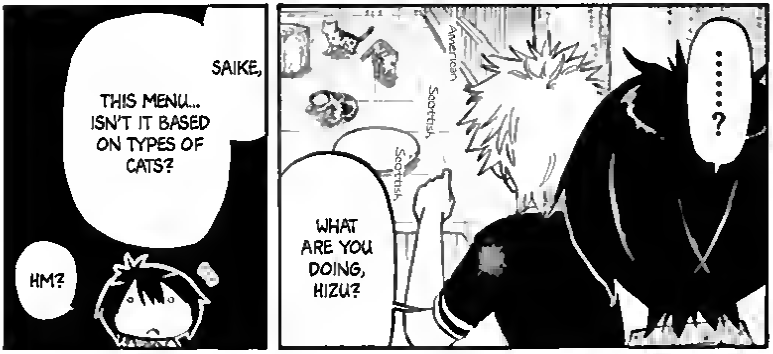

I'M SURE HIS POWER MUST HAVE JUST BEEN SOMETHING TO MAKE THIS TEA SO GREAT!
SEEMS LIKE THIS GUY ISN'T AN EVIL POWER USER AFTER ALL.
RIGHT, HIZU?
S-SECONDS, PLEASE!
RIGHT AWAY.


SAIKE,
THIS MENU... ISN'T IT BASED ON TYPES OF CATS?
HM?
American
Scottish
Scottish
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HIZU?
.....?

WHAT ABOUT IT?
NOTHING MUCH. IT'S JUST THAT THE CATS IN THIS PLACE ARE ALL SCOTS AND AMERICANS AND NOTHING ELSE.
American
Scottish
Scottish
YEAH... "SCOTTISH FOLD" AND "AMERICAN SHORTHAIR."
THEY'RE BOTH KINDS OF CATS.
Scottish Fold
American Shorthair

HM?
ONLY TWO SPECIES?
WHAT KIND OF CAT CAFE...
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Ah, a Spot
HMM... THAT'S TRUE.
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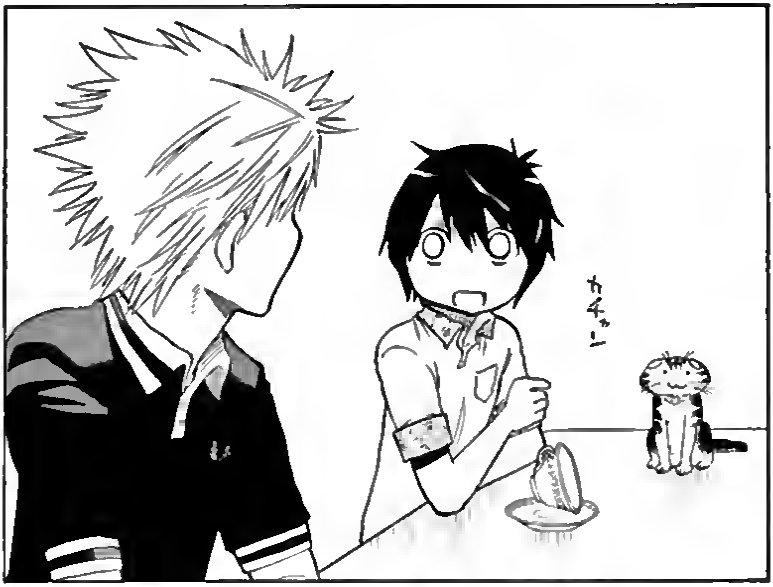
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HM? WHAT'S WRONG, SAIKE?
HI- HI...

HIZU-
MEOW!!
HUH? HIZU-MEOW?
What's hurts that?

WELCOME TO CAT COUNTRY...
HISS
HISS
WHEEEEE

HIZU, YOU'RE NYO...
YOUR FACE!
?
TAKE 17: CAT COUNTRY 2
!?
SHRSHHHNK
N-NOW IT'S YOUR BODY...
YOU'RE SHRINK-ING...
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FWAP
?????
HIZU-MEOW...
NO...
SFF
SFF
SFF

TAKE17
CAT COUNTRY 2

MEOW MEW MEOW? (WHY'D YOU SAY IT TWICE?)
"MEOW" NOW!!!
YOU'RE JUST...

MEOW?
MEOWYOW? (MY VOICE!?)
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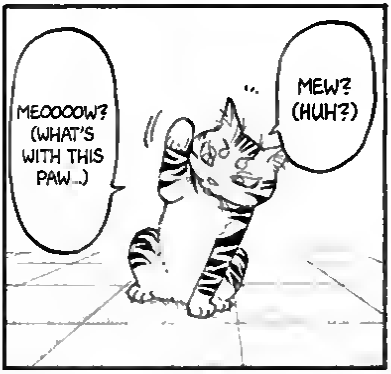
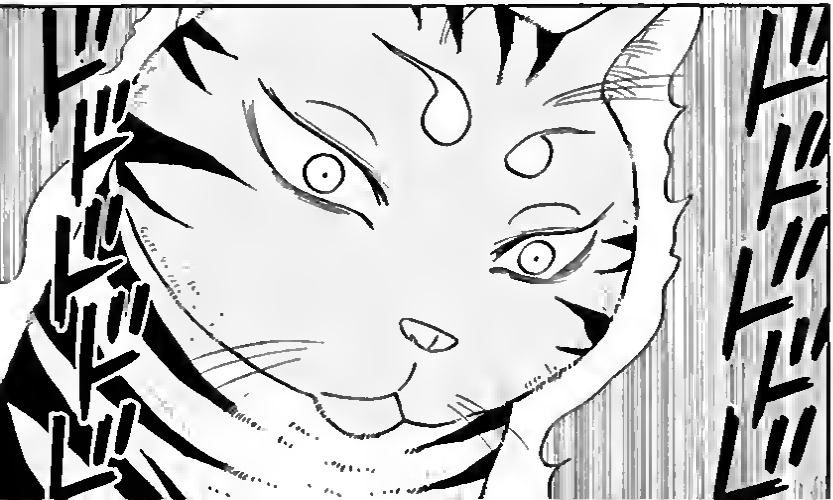

MEW? (HUH?)
MEOOOOW? (WHAT'S WITH THIS PAW...)



MEOW MEOW. (EH, WHATEVER.)
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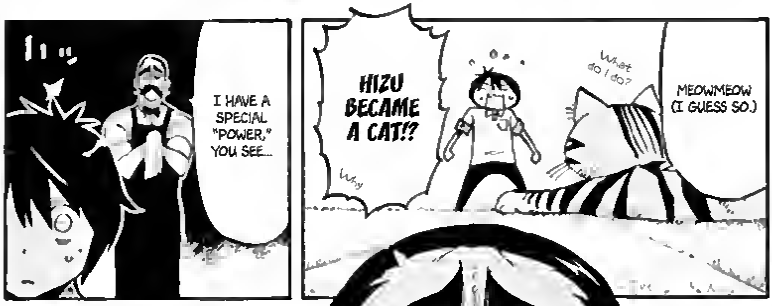
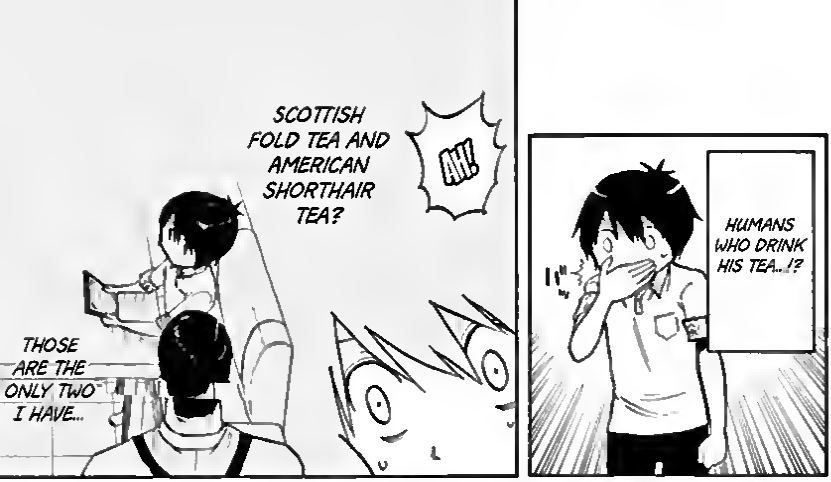
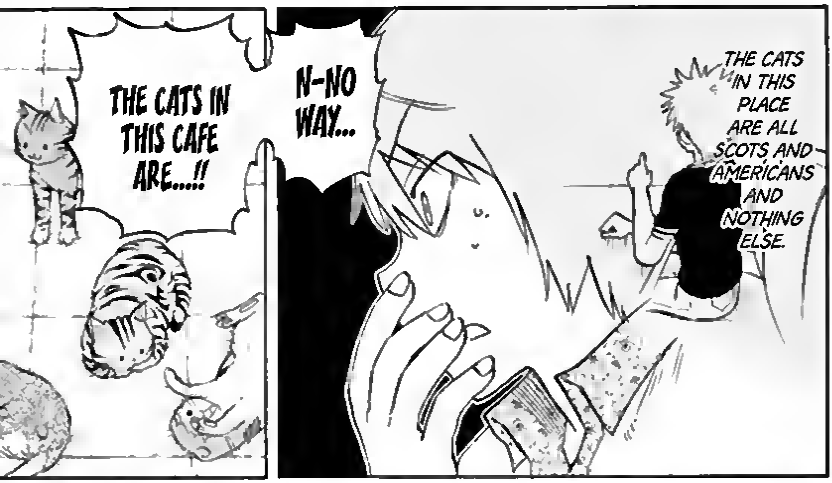
WHATEVER, MY FOOT!
I'm pretty sure that's what you said!


I HAVE A SPECIAL "POWER," YOU SEE...
HIZU BECAME A CAT!?
Why
What do I do?
MEOWMEOW (I GUESS SO.)

"THE POWER TO TURN HUMANS WHO DRINK MY TEA INTO CATS."
AND THAT IS...


SCOTTISH FOLD TEA AND AMERICAN SHORTHAIR TEA?
AH!
THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO I HAVE...
HUMANS WHO DRINK HIS TEA..!?


THE CATS IN THIS CAFE ARE....!!
N-NO WAY...
THE CATS IN THIS PLACE ARE ALL SCOTS AND AMERICANS AND NOTHING ELSE.

THE CATS HERE ARE SPECIAL.
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
MRPH.
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ALL OF THEM WERE FORMERLY "CUSTOMERS" WHO CAME TO MY CAFE!!
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT CAT THERE, AND THIS ONE HERE...
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AND NOW, EVERY SINGLE ONE WHO'S DRANK MY TEA HAS BECOME SCOTS AND AMERICAN SHORTHAIRS!
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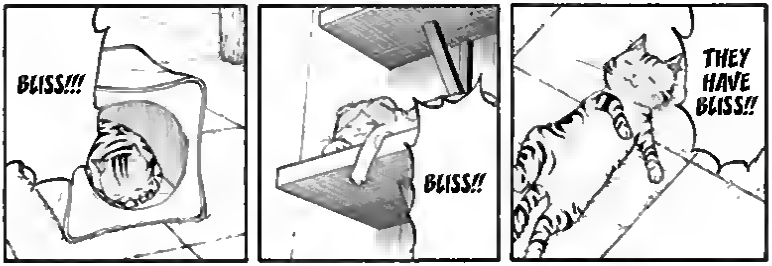
WHAT'S YOUR MEOWTIVE FOR DOING THIS!?
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH MEYOW!
AND THAT INCLUDES THIS CUSTOMER YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU!♡
HIZU!!
AH!!
HEH HEH HEH
I HAVE ONLY ONE MOTIVE!
TO TURN JAPAN INTO A "CAT COUNTRY!!"

THE JAPANESE HAVE IT SO HARD!!
IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE PROPER SOCIAL DISPOSITION, SIMPLY LIVING BECOMES PAINFUL!
GUH..
SHFFFFFFT
GUG-HHH..
BUT CATS ON THE OTHER HAND...
THEY DON'T BETRAY OTHERS! THEY DON'T LIE TO OTHERS!


BLISS!!!
BLISS!!
THEY HAVE BLISS!!

DON'T YOU AGREE, EVERYONE!? YOU'RE ENJOYING BEING CATS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'VE ALREADY ALL BUT FORGOTTEN YOUR TIME AS HUMANS, HAVEN'T YOU!?
FREED FROM THE SHACKLES OF SOCIETY AND ABLE TO LIVE IN BLISS!!

THAT'S BECAUSE OF MEYOUR POWER.
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MYOWRE WILL OF THEIR OWN.
IT'S BECAUSE MYOU FORCED THEM TO DRINK MEYOUR TEA, RIGHT?
THAT KINDNYA HAPPI-NESS...
PAT
IS NO DIFFERENT FROM TYRANNY.
I'LL SET YOU RIGHT
AND CORRECT THAT WARPED JUSTICE OF YOURS.

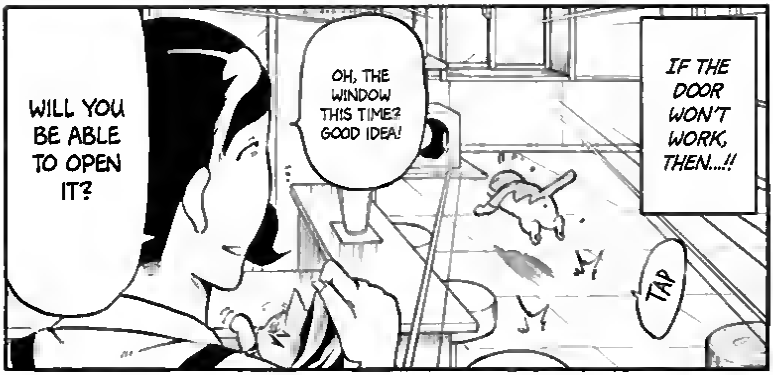
I'MYA HERO!!
BECAUSE

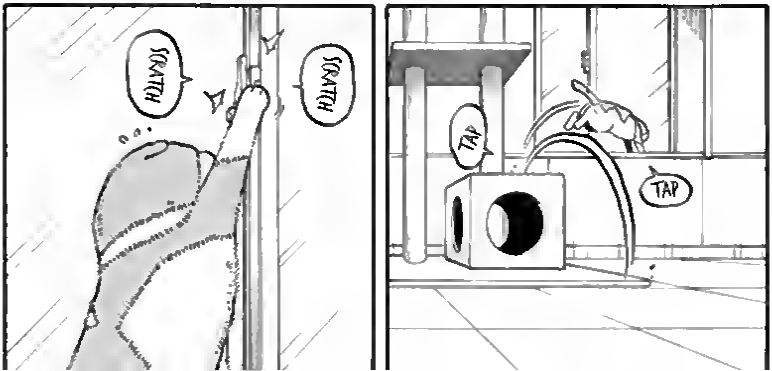
JUST HOW DO YOU THINK A MERE CAT CAN SET SOMEONE STRAIGHT?
YOU SURE DO LOVE TO RAMBLE ON.
.....!!
HEH

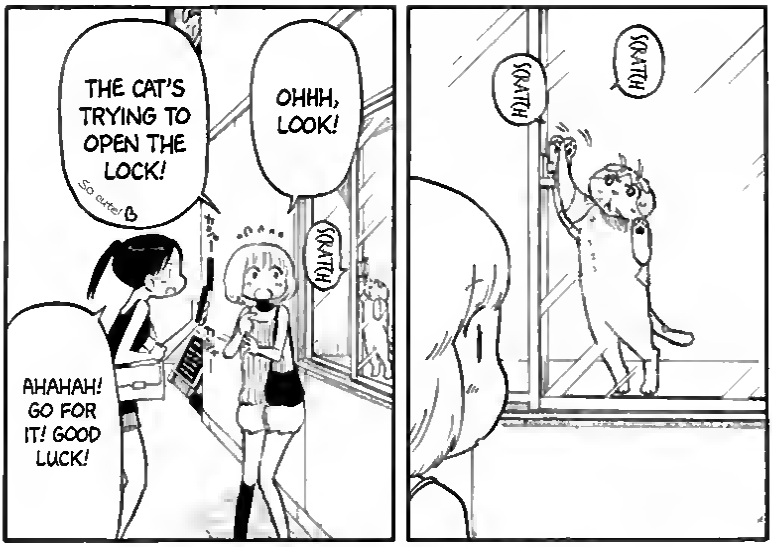
I'LL GO BACK TO THIS MORNING...
I JUST HAVE TO GET TO THE POND!!
WHEN I WAS STILL HUMAN!!
THERE IS A WAY!!
!!?

OH? RUNNING AWAY, ARE WE?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
HISS
HISS
BITE
HISS
HUH!?
HUH?
LUNGE

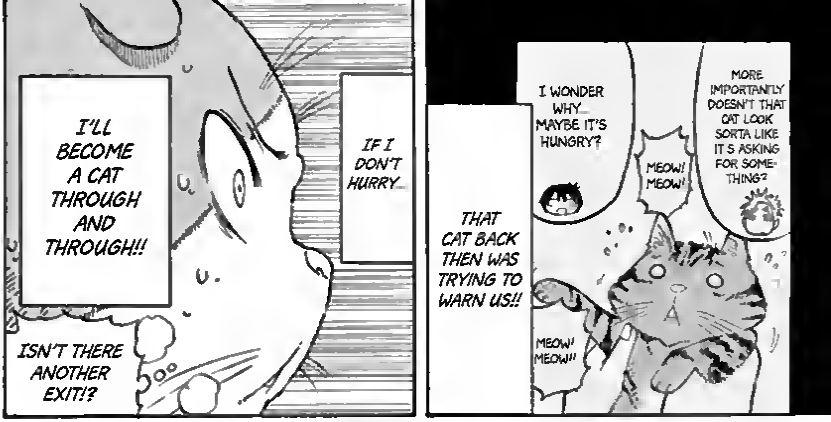
YOU'RE JUST A CAT.
YOU CAN'T.


WILL YOU BE ABLE TO OPEN IT?
OH, THE WINDOW THIS TIME? GOOD IDEA!
IF THE DOOR WON'T WORK, THEN...!!
TAP


SCRATCH
SCRATCH
TAP
TAP


THE CAT'S TRYING TO OPEN THE LOCK!
So cute!
OHHH, LOOK!
SCRATCH
AHAHAH! GO FOR IT! GOOD LUCK!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

OH MY..
Awww there he goes
NOW WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
DAMN IT..
DAMN IT!!
THERE'S NO WAY A CAT WOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH TO OPEN THAT.
TOO BAD. ♡


I'LL BECOME A CAT THROUGH AND THROUGH!!
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER EXIT!?
IF I DON'T HURRY...
THAT CAT BACK THEN WAS TRYING TO WARN US!!
I WONDER WHY... MAYBE IT'S HUNGRY?
MEOW! MEOW!
MEOW! MEOW!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY DOESN'T THAT CAT LOOK SORTA LIKE IT'S ASKING FOR SOMETHING?

AND THEN WHEN YOU'RE TIRED, GO TO SLEEP.
PLAY AND EAT UNTIL YOU'RE SATISFIED...

JUST DOING WHATEVER IT PLEASES, WHENEVER IT PLEASES.
THAT IS HOW A CAT LIVES.
DAD, LOOK AT THIS!

YOU MADE THIS, EIJI?
YEAH!!
IT'S A PAPER MACHE DOLL OF YOU, DAD!
I MADE THIS TODAY DURING ARTS AND CRAFTS!
DO NOT EMBARRASS ME.
IT'S RUBBISH.
YOU DIDN'T ALLOW THE ENTIRE CLASS TO SEE YOU WITH THIS, DID YOU?
HUH?
15
THIS TIME DAD'LL PRAISE ME FOR SURE!
I GOT THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE ESSAY CONTEST!
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HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU THINK I'VE HAD TO SPEND TO GET YOU TOP-CLASS PIANO AN VIOLIN TUTORS, AS WELL AS PRIVATE TEACHERS!?
YET YOU HAVEN'T MADE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN A SINGLE DAMN THING!

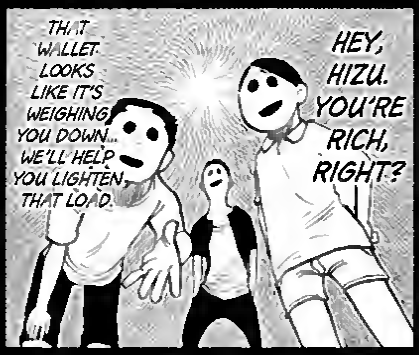
WHY DIDN'T YOU GET THE GOLD!?
YOU ARE A HIZU!!

I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF IT YET, BUT...!!
SO WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO DO?

I WANNA DO SOMETHING I LIKE FOR ONCE!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANNA DO ANY OF THOSE THINGS!!

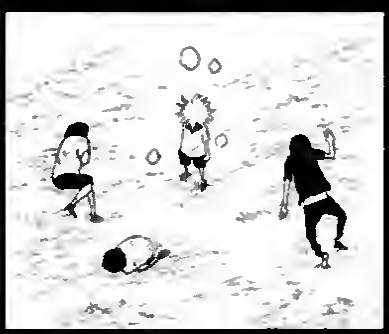
YOU ARE A HIZU.
DENIED.

WHAT YOU WANT TO DO DOESN'T MATTER A SINGLE BIT.
ONLY THIRD-RATE PEOPLE DO WHATEVER IT IS THEY WANT.


THAT WALLET LOOKS LIKE IT'S WEIGHING YOU DOWN... WE'LL HELP YOU LIGHTEN THAT LOAD.
HEY, HIZU. YOU'RE RICH, RIGHT?

WHAT I WANT TO DO...
DOESN'T MATTER?

THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT I WANT TO DO DOESN'T MATTER.



MEANINGLESS...
MY LIFE IS...
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THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S MEANING-LESS.
SOMETHING I WANT TO DO.
BUT I'VE FINALLY FOUND...

AND THAT'S...
TO SEE HIS FINAL MOMENTS.

I'M GONNA DO WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT.
MROW!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MROW!
SCRATCH
SO I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, DAD...

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MY LIFE.
THIS IS...

TAKE 18:
CAT COUNTRY 3

IF I CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE AND JUMP INTO MOGURA POND...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MROW!!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MROW!!
I'M GONNA TURN COMPLETELY INTO A CAT, MIND AND ALL!!

HEEEERE KITTY KITTY...♡
!!

I'M STUCK IN HERE!!
BUT A CAT'S STRENGTH ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH TO OPEN THIS DOOR!!

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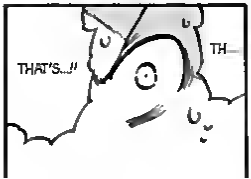
THAT'S...!!
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LET'S PLAAAAY...
LITTLE KITTY... ♡
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HISSS
HISSS

BUT HOW...
HOW DO I DO IT...?
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO GO BACK TO THIS MORNING, BEFORE I WAS A CAT, AND SAVE THE OTHER CUSTOMERS!
HIZU
DAMN ..!! I CAN'T LET THIS GUY'S IDIOTIC SENSE OF JUSTICE PASS!! CREATING A "CAT COUNTRY" IS GOING TOO FAR!

MEW MEOW!? (WHAT WAS I DOING!?)
AH!
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
SHAKE SHAKE
HOW DO I...
WTF
WTF
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME NOW ♡
IT SEEMS YOUR MIND HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO EMBRACE BEING A CAT...
GOOD, GOOD. ♡

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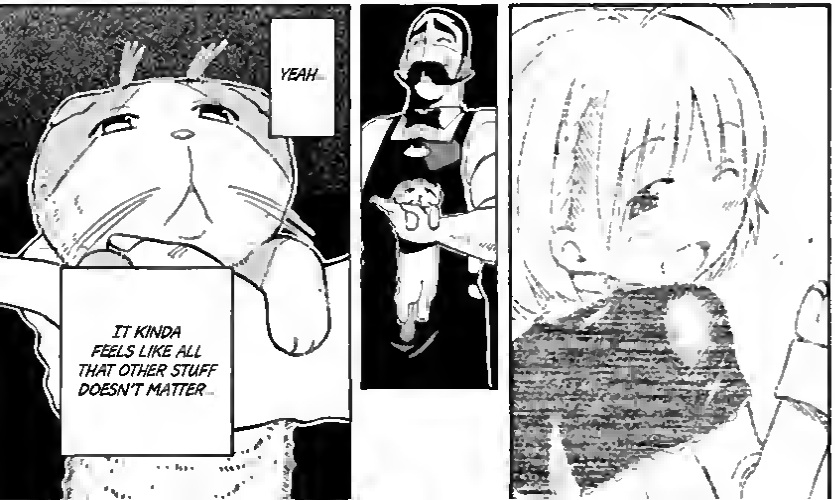
NO! I DON'T WANNA BE A CAT!!
I'll even give you a nice brushing ♡
NOW, LET'S PUT YOU IN THE BACK ROOM ♡
NO WAY...
AM I REALLY GONNA BECOME A CAT!?

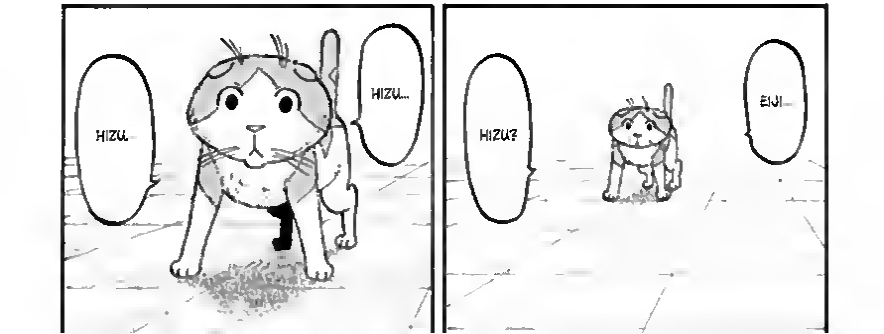
IF I DO...
I CAN FORGET ABOUT ALL THOSE HARD DAYS
WAIT...
IS BECOMING A CAT REALLY SO BAD?
SEE?
THEY'RE LIVING THE LIFE THERE, AREN'T THEY?
WITH JUST THE FUR ON MY BACK...
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ANYONE ELSE.


YEAH...
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE ALL THAT OTHER STUFF DOESN'T MATTER...

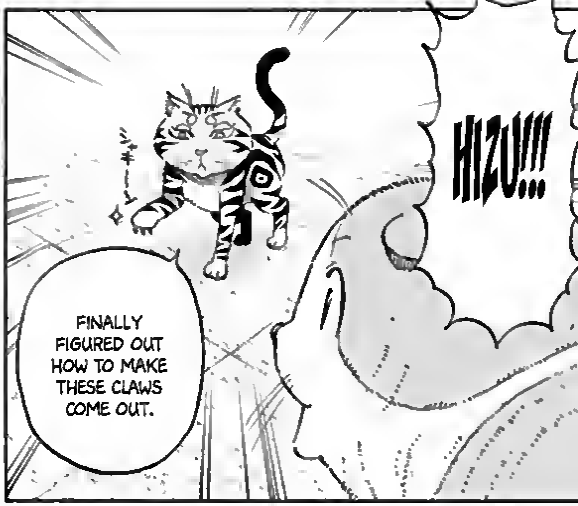
BEING A CAT...

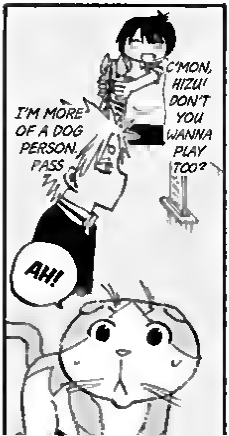
SOUNDS NICE...

REMEMBER IT, SAIKE...
ISN'T THERE A JOB HERE THAT ONLY YOU CAN DO?
I AM YOUR PARTNER, EIJI HIZU.
DON'T GO FORGETTING THAT, HERO.


HIZU...
HIZU.
EIJI...
HIZU?

HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TOTALLY CATIFIED!?
YOU DRANK THE TEA BEFORE I DID...
DUNNO.


HIZU!!!
FINALLY FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE THESE CLAWS COME OUT.


C'MON, HIZU! DON'T YOU WANNA PLAY TOO?
I'M MORE OF A DOG PERSON, PASS.
AH!

CAN'T REALLY SEE MYSELF AS A CAT.
I'M MORE OF A DOG PERSON, REALLY.
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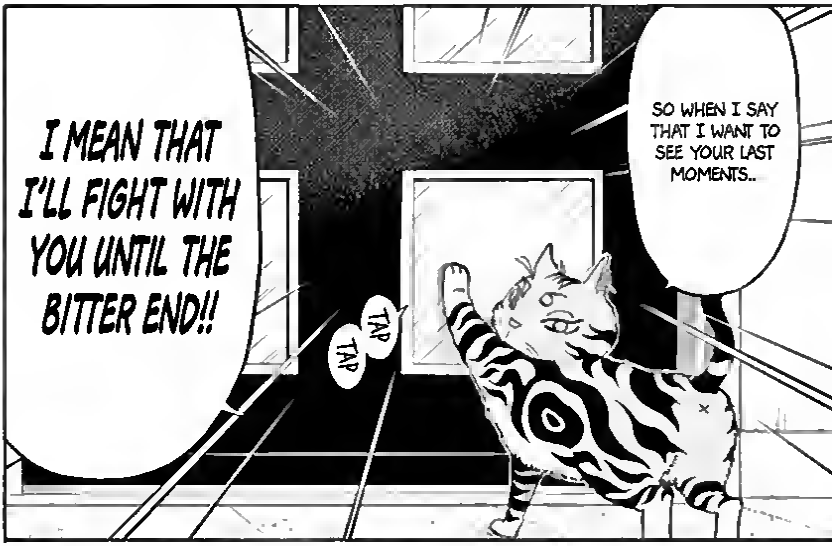
SAIKE, I SAID I WANTED TO SEE YOUR LAST MOMENTS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER, HIZU!!
I GET IT!! PEOPLE WHO LIKE DOGS HAVE A STRONGER RESISTANCE TO THE FEELINGS OF "WANTING TO BECOME A CAT," SO IT MUST WORK SLOWER ON THEM!!
OWW
OH
BUT THIS AIN'T THE TIME.
AFTER I MET YOU, I LEARNED WHAT "FUN" WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
"FUN" WAS ALWAYS "SOMETHING ELSE" FOR ME.
AND YOU WERE LIKE A HUGE LUMP OF THAT "SOMETHING ELSE."

I WANT TO SEE THEM ALL...
ALL THE OTHER THINGS I CAN SEE WITH YOU.
TAP


SO WHEN I SAY THAT I WANT TO SEE YOUR LAST MOMENTS..
TAP TAP
I MEAN THAT I'LL FIGHT WITH YOU UNTIL THE BITTER END!!

GO,
SAIKE!!

CATS WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO OPEN THAT DOOR!
DON'T BOTHER!!
MEOW MEW. (MAYBE NOT NORMAL CATS.)
11
TURN THE DOOR INTO STYROFOAM!!
BUT I CAN...

MEOOOOOOW!!!!
Cat Cafe
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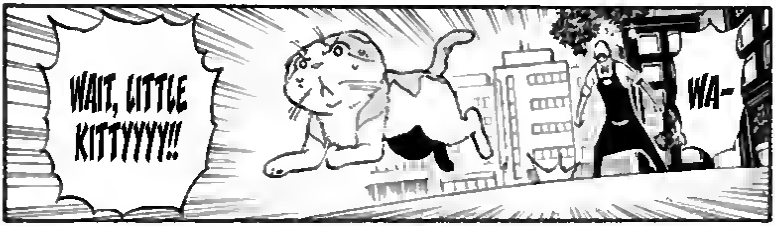
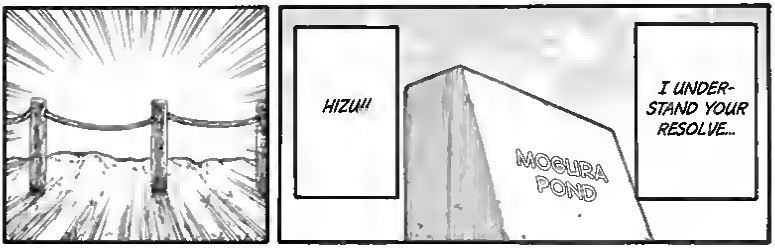
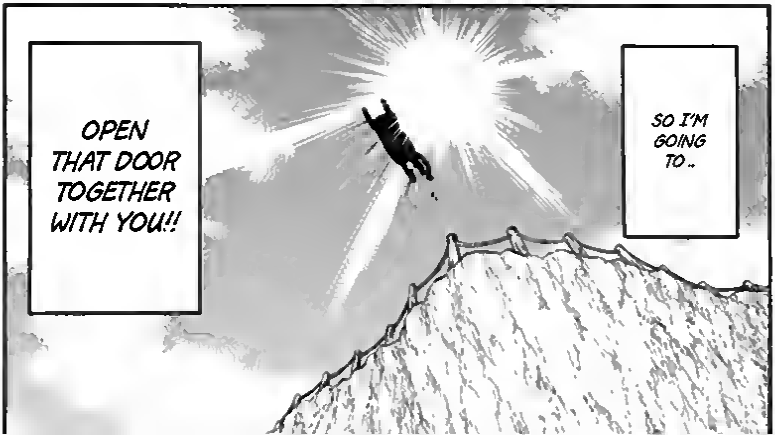
BROKE THROUGH THE DOOR!?
A... A CAT...


WAIT, LITTLE KITTYYYY!!
WA-


HIZU!!
MOGURA POND
I UNDER-STAND YOUR RESOLVE...


OPEN THAT DOOR TOGETHER WITH YOU!!
SO I'M GOING TO..

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Cat Cafe
BUT THIS IS UNBELIEVABLY RUDE TO DO TO SOMEONE YOU'RE JUST MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME!!
I'll call the police!!
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE HOW YOU JUST BARGED IN HERE...
WH-WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?

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BECAUSE GOD IS WATCHING EVERYTHING YOU DO!!
TURN ALL THE OTHER CUSTOMERS BACK INTO HUMANS RIGHT NOW.
SAIKE, ARE THESE CATS SERIOUSLY ALL PEOPLE?
!?
HOW DO YOU-

CAUSE GOD IS WATCHING OVER EVERYONE!! AND IF YOU DO THE SAME THING AGAIN, THEN...!!
EEEK! I UNDER-STAND!
won't do it again
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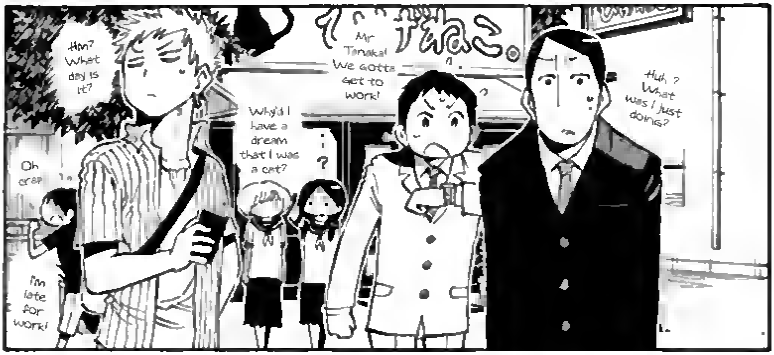
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS!?
I WON'T LET YOU MAKE YOUR "CAT COUNTRY" EITHER!
YOUR POWER IS TO MAKE TEA THAT TURNS PEOPLE INTO CATS!!


Hm? What day is it?
Oh crap!
I'm late for work!
Why'd I have a dream that I was a cat?
Mr Tanaka! We gotta get to work!
Huh, ? What was I just doing?

WELL, EVEN IF THEY DID, THEY'D PROBABLY JUST THINK THE WHOLE THING WAS A DREAM.
No way anyone'd think that actually happened.
LOOKS LIKE THEY DON'T REMEMBER THEIR TIME AS CATS.

WHEW

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET BACK HERE.
REALLY?
DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT GLAD TO HELP.

THANKS, HIZU.
HUH?

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO FULL OF MYSELF...
I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO SAVE EVERYONE WITH THIS POWER OF MINE,
BUT IN THE END, I CAN'T DO IT ALL ALONE.

I DON'T HAVE ANYONE WHO'D MOURN ME.
.....
BUT THERE'S ONE CONDITION IF YOU WANT TO KEEP WORKING WITH ME.
HM?
YOU SAID THAT NO ONE WOULD MOURN YOU, RIGHT?
WELL I WOULD.
SO YOU CAN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE.
THAT'S MY CONDITION.

THIS GUY
REALLY IS MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT HE'D BE.
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH TRASH?
I WON'T DIE, SO YOU WON'T BE SAD.
ROGER.
THAT OKAY?
ALRIGHT, NO MORE SMOKING.
CATS DON'T LIKE IT EITHER.
OH AND NO MORE SMOKING.

Cat Cafe
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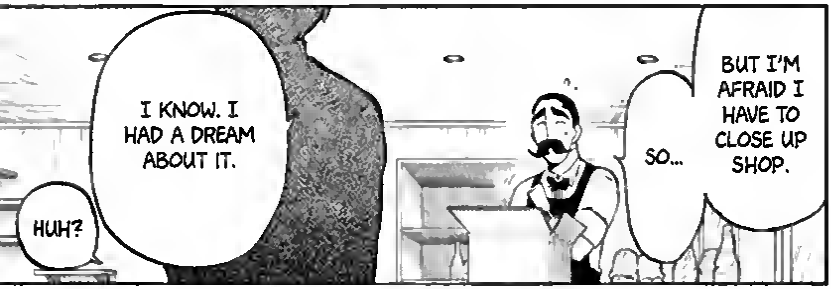
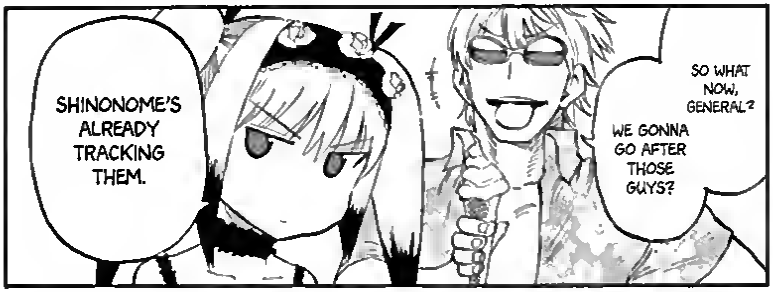
Cat Cafe

AH! I'M SORRY...
DING DONG


HUH?
I KNOW. I HAD A DREAM ABOUT IT.
SO...
BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO CLOSE UP SHOP.

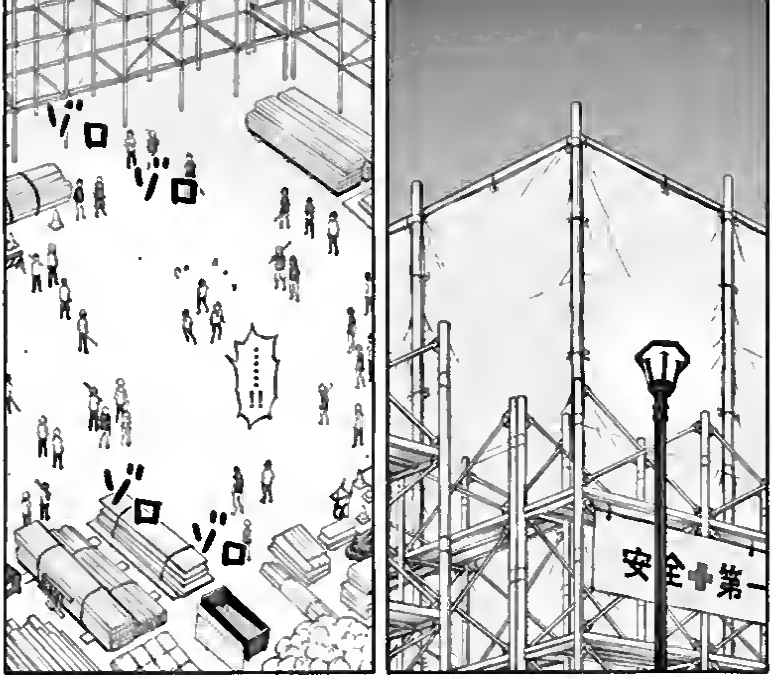
WE'RE HERE TO DESTROY THAT WEAPON OF YOURS.
BUT YOU STILL HAVE YOUR POWER, DON'T YOU?
...!?

AAAU-
UGGGGG-
HHHHH!!


SHINONOME'S ALREADY TRACKING THEM.
SO WHAT NOW, GENERAL?
WE GONNA GO AFTER THOSE GUYS?

THE ONE WITH THE BLACK HAIR'S POWER IS FAR TOO DANGEROUS.
WE'LL STAY CLOSE SO WE CAN RUN INTO THEM,
AND *ERASE* THEM.

TAKE 19:
HORDE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YER TH' THREE LOSERS THAT BEAT UP OUR GUYS?
YOU LOT, HUH?

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Y'KNOW WHAT'S 'BOUT TO HAPPEN TO YA, RIGHT!?
YA LITTLE SHITS.
THEN Y'BETTER BE READY T'PAY THE PRICE,

HUUH!?
YOUR GUYS WERE THE ONES WHO STARTED A FIGHT WITH US...
WA-WAIT A SECOND!!

ORAA AAAA AAH!!!
DO IT
NNS

SHUT YOUR FACE, BRAT!
C-C'MON! CUT US SOME SLACK...!!
IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE!

GET 'EM, TATANI.
ON IT.
ALRIGHT. NOW IT'S *REALLY* SELF-DEFENSE.♪

BLADE BULLET!!!
POP POP
POP POP
4
HUH?
...
SWING
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK

WHAT THE HELL IS THIIIIS!?
I-IT HURRRTS!!
UWAA-AAH!!!

GO AHEAD AND TRY TO COUNT 'EM, LOSERS!! I'LL BET YOU CAN'T!!
AAHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHAHA!!!

HOW DO YOU THINK WE'VE HAD TO FEEL UNTIL NOW, LIVING WITH TRASH LIKE YOU!?
GILLAAH!
AAAH!!
OF COURSE YOU CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT!! ALL YOU IDIOTS HAVE IS YOUR NUMBERS! YOU DAMN VERMIN!!

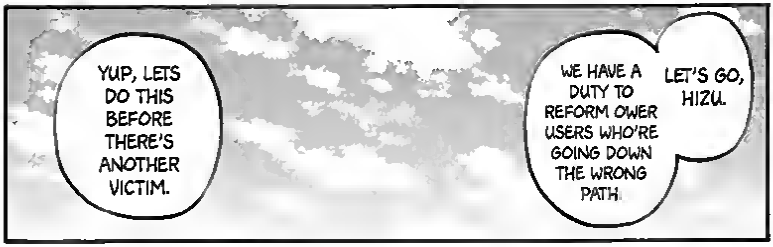
YOU'RE JUST TOO AWESOME, TATAN!!
CALL AN AMBU-LANCE...
UUGH...
YOU'RE INVINCI-BLE!!
AHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHAH!!

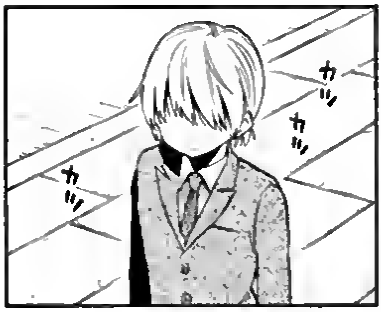
SEVERAL INJURED BY MYSTERIOUS STABBINGS IN A CITY
WOUNDS SIMILAR TO THOSE INFLICTED BY A KNIFE.
THE WEAPON HAS NOT BEEN FOUND
"HE SHOT KNIVES OUT OF HIS HANDS AND THEN THEY DISAPPEARED," SAYS

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY WEAPONS LIKE THOSE WOULD JUST DISAPPEAR
IT'S DEFINITELY SOMEONE WITH A POWER
THAT THING IN A CITY...
YUP.

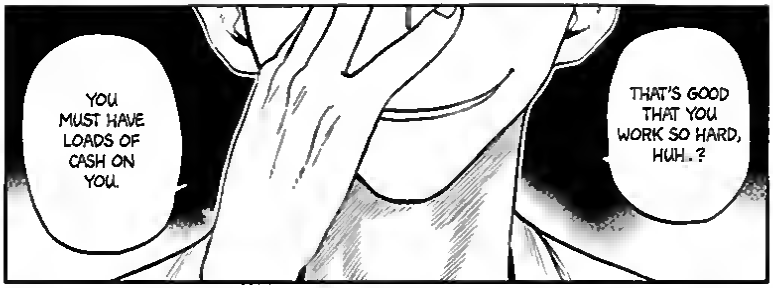
THOUGH I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN ANYTHING AS MESSED-UP AS THIS BEFORE.
Like that whole cat cafe thing.
BUT I'M SURE THERE HAS TO HAVE BEEN INCIDENTS INVOLVING PEOPLE WITH POWERS LIKE THIS BEFORE.
I'VE JUST BEEN IGNORING THEM UNTIL NOW.

IT'S ABOUT TWO HOURS TO A CITY BY TRAIN.
SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, HERO?


YUP, LETS DO THIS BEFORE THERE'S ANOTHER VICTIM.
WE HAVE A DUTY TO REFORM OWER USERS WHO'RE GOING DOWN THE WRONG PATH.
LET'S GO, HIZU.

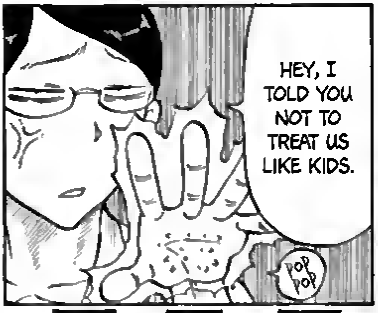


HEY, MISTER...
YOU COMIN' BACK FROM WORK?


THAT'S GOOD THAT YOU WORK SO HARD, HUH..?
YOU MUST HAVE LOADS OF CASH ON YOU.

SEEING AS WE'RE JUST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, WE'VE GOT TO PINCH ALLLL THE LITTLE SPENDING MONEY WE HAVE
THINK YOU COULD SPARE SOME CHANGE?♪
ABOUT TEN THOUSAND YEN SHOULD DO.♡

WH-WHO ARE YOU?
CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE DOING SUCH FOOLISH THINGS...!
OHH, I WOULDN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER IF I WERE YOU.
DESPITE OUR LOOKS, WE'RE ACTUALLY QUITE BATTLE-READY.


HEY, I TOLD YOU NOT TO TREAT US LIKE KIDS.
POP POP POP

I'M CALLING THE POLICE.
PWP
THEY'LL ARREST YOU FOR SURE!

!!?

CAUSE OUR GEN-ERATION'S WAAAAY TOO QUICK TO START FIGHTS!!
POP POP
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO LAX, OLD MAN...
WHA...
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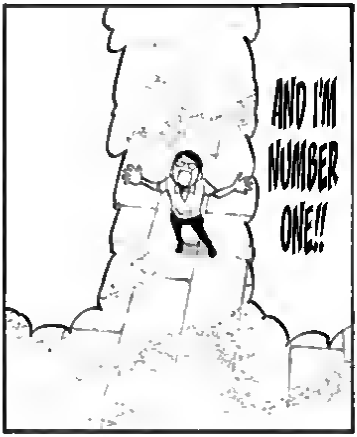
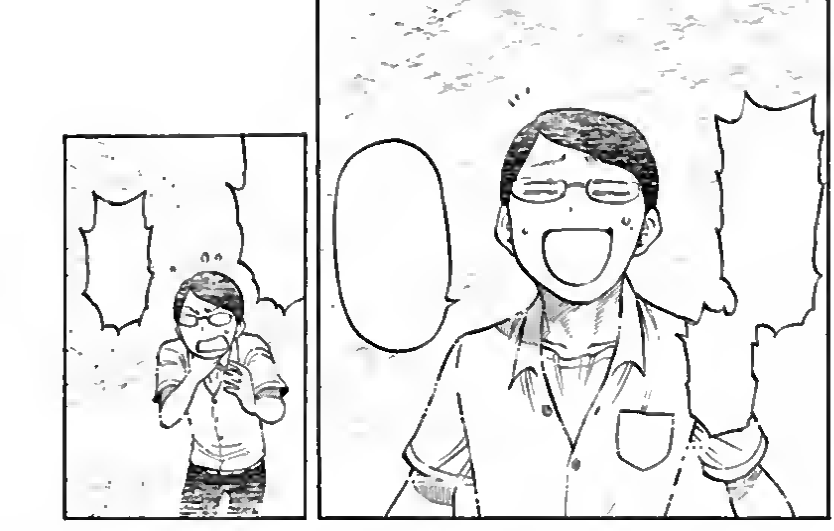
BLADE BULLET!!!
AHAA-HAHA-HAHA-HAH!!!!
GAH..
GH..
!!!

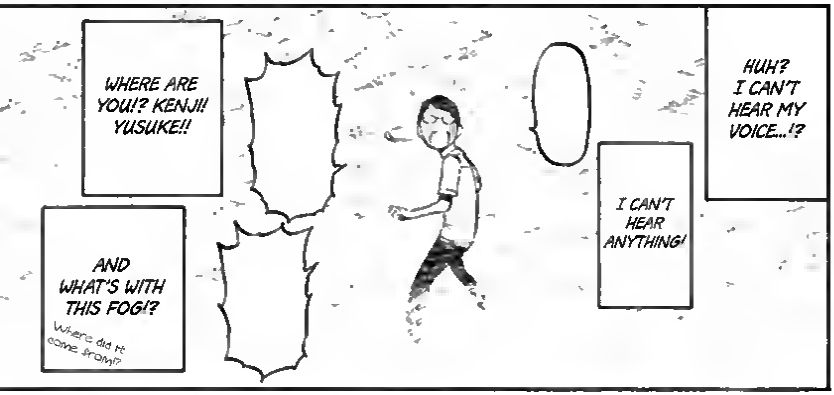
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU UNDERESTIMATE KIDS, MAN!!
HAHAHA- HAHAHA!!
THUD

WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR!!!
HEHEH..
AWESOME!! YOUR POWER'S AMAZING, TATAN!!


AND I'M NUMBER ONE!!

WE DON'T NEED TO CARE ABOUT OUR PARENTS OR TEACHERS ANYMORE!
THIS IS OUR ERA!!!
THIS WORLD FAVORS THOSE WITH POWER...




WHERE ARE YOU!? KENJI! YUSUKE!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS FOG!?
Where did it come from!?
I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING!
HUH? I CAN'T HEAR MY VOICE...!?

K-KENJI!!
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SILENT MIST, RELEASE.
!?
WH-
WHO'RE YOU!?
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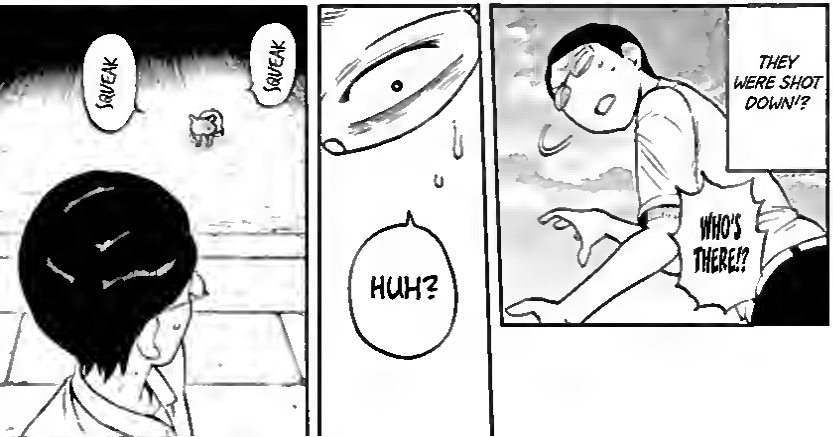
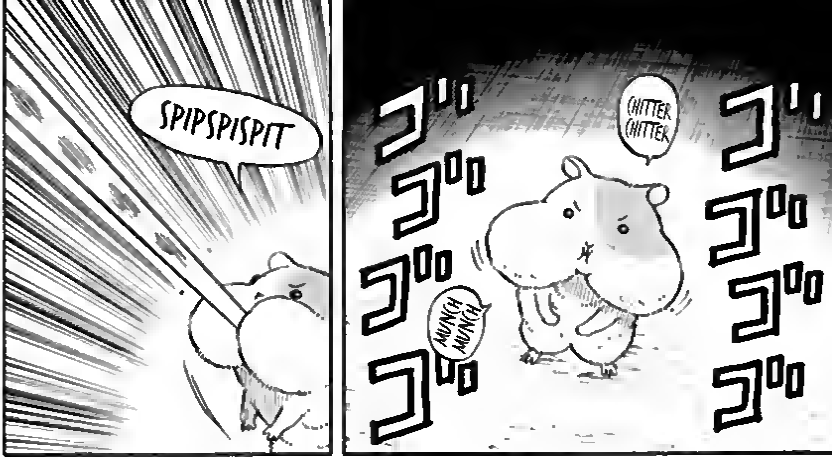
HM?
U...
UWAA-AAH!!
UEGH...

MO...
MONSTER!!!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
!?


SQUEAK
SQUEAK
HUH?
THEY WERE SHOT DOWN!?
WHO'S THERE!?


SPIPSPISPIT
CHITTER CHITTER
MUNCH MUNCH

HHA!?
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TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK

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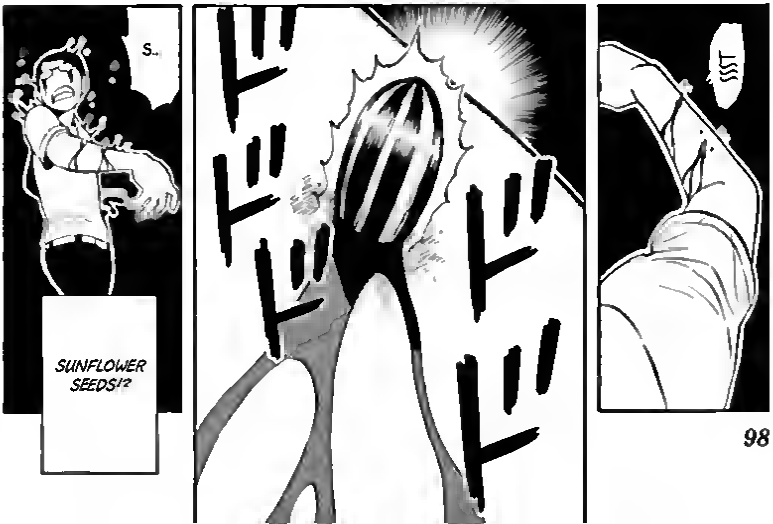
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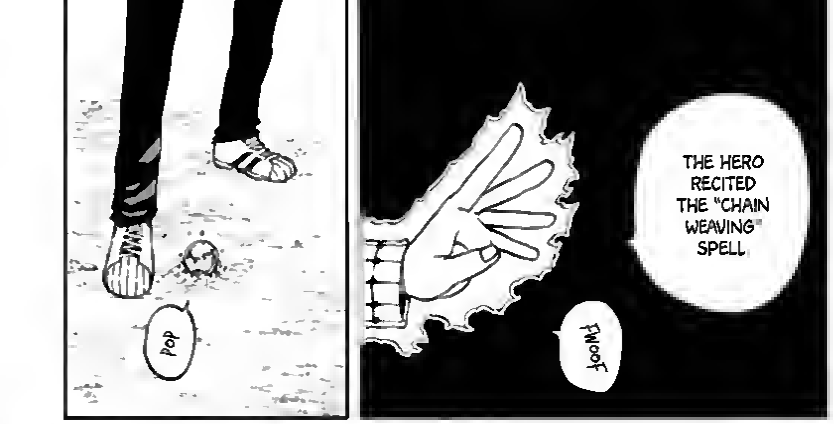
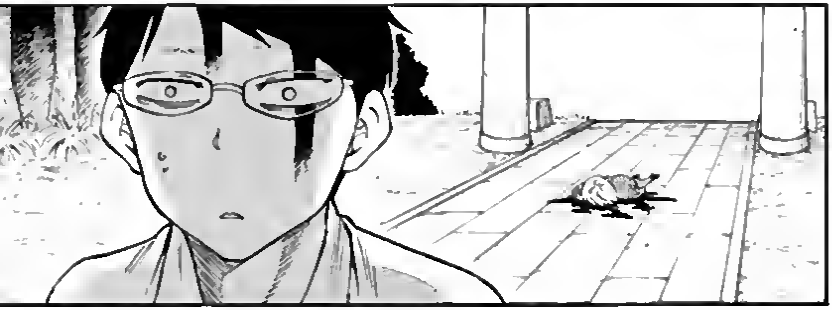
SUNFLOWER SEEDS!?
SSST


THE HERO RECITED THE "CHAIN WEAVING" SPELL
FWOOF
POP

BSSSH
CHI CHI
!!?

DUN DUN DUN DUUUN DUUN DUN DUN DU DUDUUUN!
SLIME A'S MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN SEALED!
OH! OH!
I COULD HAVE CAPTURED KIDS LIKE THESE ALL BY MYSELF...
C'MON, USURA, WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT NEGATIBRAIN
BESIDES, EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST HUNTING A MOUSE, YOU GOTTA GO ALL OUT!
BOSS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK,
WHAT WILL WE DO, YOU ASK?
WH-WHAT'S YOUR DEAL!?
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO TO ME!?

FOR PETE'S SAKE...
MY NEW SUIT'S RUINED.



JUST LIKE I *DREAMED*, YOU'RE NOT USING IT WELL AT ALL.
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THAT'S SUCH A RIDICULOUSLY PATHETIC ABILITY.

SO.
YOUR SENSE OF HUMANITY HAS BECOME SO TWISTED...
DNP
HAVING THAT POWER MUST HAVE DRIVEN YOU MAD.
DNP

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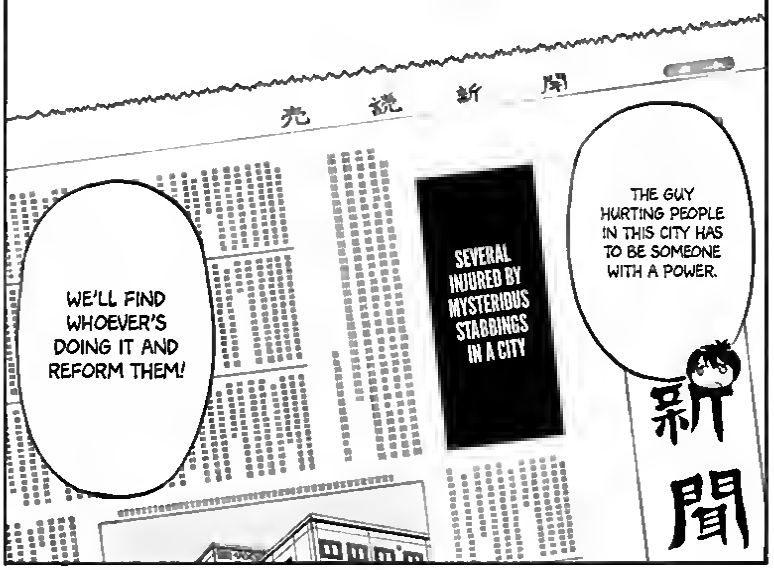
TAKE 20:
SLIME A
長田津駅
YEAH, LET'S GET MOVING, SAIKE.
IT'S GONNA GET DARK SOON, HIZU.


SEVERAL INJURED BY MYSTERIOUS STABBINGS IN A CITY
THE GUY HURTING PEOPLE IN THIS CITY HAS TO BE SOMEONE WITH A POWER.
WE'LL FIND WHOEVER'S DOING IT AND REFORM THEM!
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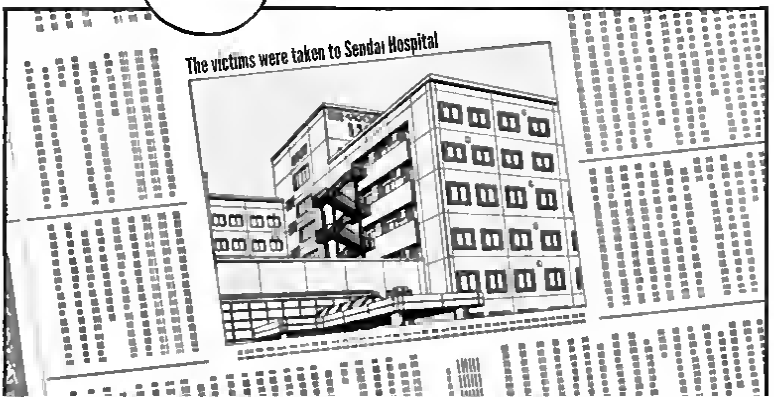
BUT HOW ARE WE GONNA FIND 'EM?
ARE WE JUST GONNA CHECK EVERYONE HERE TO SEE IF THEY GIVE OFF POWER SMOKE?
THAT'D TAKE DAYS.
FOR NOW, WE SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE THE VICTIMS WERE TAKEN.


The victims were taken to Sendai Hospital

WELL THAT WAS A BUST
NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE GUY WE'RE LOOKING FOR
YEAH, ALL WE GOT WAS THAT HE'S A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WITH GLASSES
AAAA-AAGH-HHH!!
DAMN IIIITT!!

AAHHH!!
PLEASE CALM DOWN! WE JUST ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL!
DAMN IIITT!!
GIVE IT BAAAACK!!
GIVE IT BAAACK!
?
GOD DAMN IIIITT!!

THAT POWER WAS MY CHANCE TO CHANGE MY LIFE!!
!!
THAT POWER WAS MINE!!
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HOW THE HELL IS THERE A POWER TO ERASE OTHER POWERS!!?
GIVE IT BAAAAAACK!!
IT'S NOT FAIR, DAMN IIIIITTT!!

WAS THAT THE "MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WITH GLASSES" WHO HAD A POWER?
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YOU SAY HE HAD A POWER...
BUT I COULDN'T SEE ANY FUMES COMING OFF HIM.
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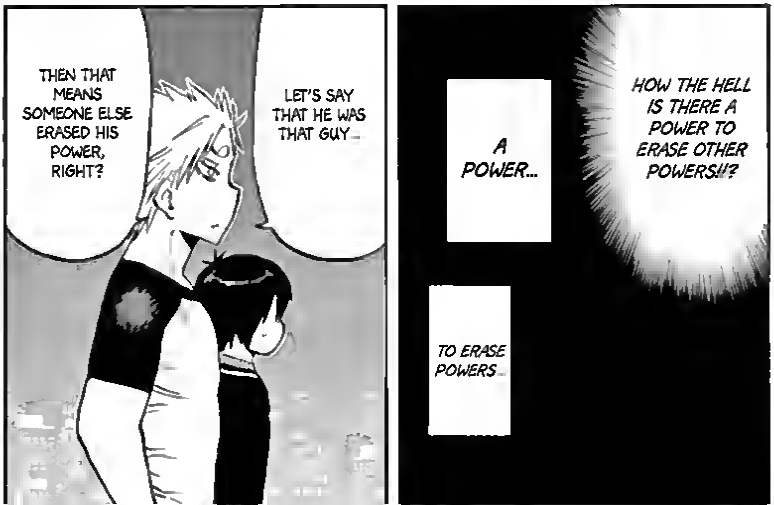
HOW THE HELL IS THERE A POWER TO ERASE OTHER POWERS!!?
A POWER...
TO ERASE POWERS...
LET'S SAY THAT HE WAS THAT GUY...
THEN THAT MEANS SOMEONE ELSE ERASED HIS POWER, RIGHT?

THROB

THE POWER...

TO ERASE POWERS?

I DON'T KNOW

WE REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR OWN POWERS.

SO THERE MAY JUST BE SOMEONE WITH THE POWER TO ERASE POWERS OUT THERE...

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THAT'S RIGHT...

IT'S A POSSIBILITY I HADN'T EVEN CONSIDERED UP UNTIL NOW.

Bakugo

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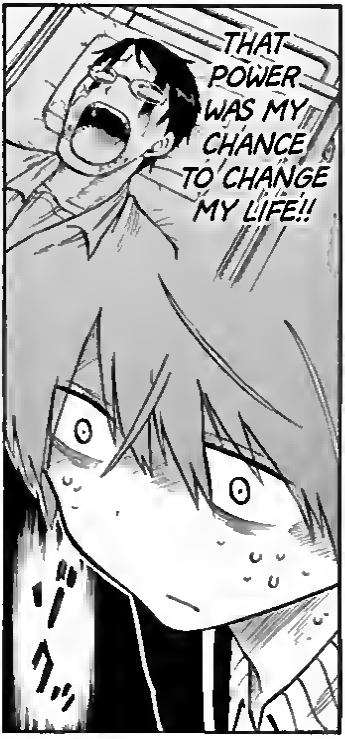
A POWER TO ERASE POWERS...

THERE'S NO WAY IT ACTUALLY EXISTS, RIGHT?



NO WAY.
NOTHING'S BEEN SOLVED AT ALL, MAN.
IF THERE REALLY IS A GUY OUT THERE WITH THE POWER TO ERASE POWERS, WE CAN'T JUST IGNORE HIM.
WHAT IF HE ENDS UP USING HIS POWER FOR EVIL?
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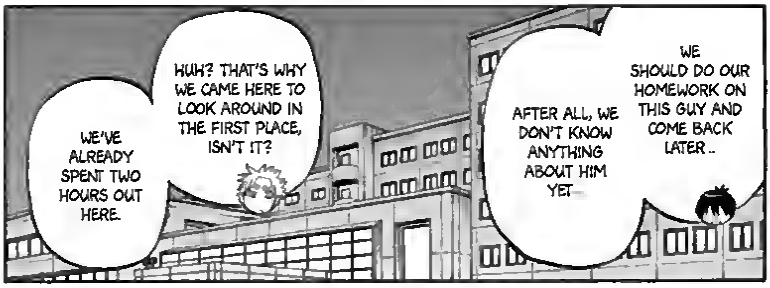
WE'VE ALREADY SPENT TWO HOURS OUT HERE.
HUH? THAT'S WHY WE CAME HERE TO LOOK AROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE, ISN'T IT?
AFTER ALL, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM YET...
WE SHOULD DO OUR HOMEWORK ON THIS GUY AND COME BACK LATER..

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I KNOW, HIZU!!
RIGHT? LET'S START LOOKING...

ANYWAY WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND HIM, SHOULDN'T WE?

IF WE STAY HERE, WE MIGHT...!
SOMEONE WITH THE POWER TO ERASE POWERS MIGHT BE HERE!

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL, SAIKE?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
...!

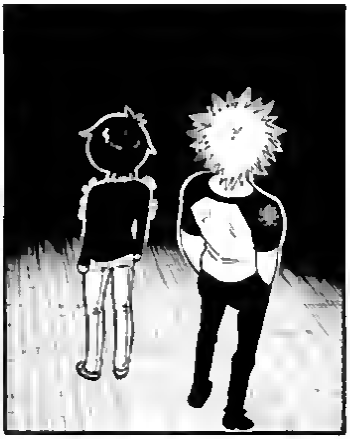
YEAH...
I'M SCARED
IF IT MEANS SAVING OTHERS, YOU'RE THE TYPE OF IDIOT WHO'LL KEEP THROWING YOURSELF INTO THAT POND AND DROWNING FOR IT.. AT LEAST YOU WERE UP UNTIL NOW...
YOU'RE THE KINDA GUY WHO SHOOTS FIRST AND ASKS QUESTIONS LATER, RIGHT?

I HAD NO DREAMS OR TALENTS... I WAS JUST A PIECE OF TRASH.
UP UNTIL NOW, I HAD NOTHING... I WAS NOTHING.

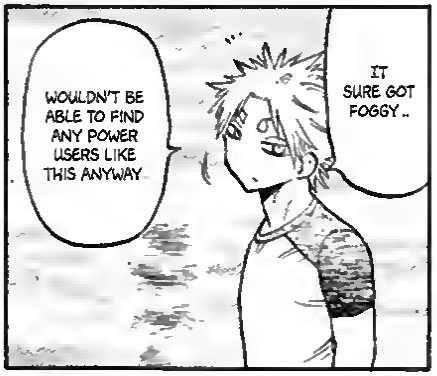
THIS POWER GAVE ME A REASON TO EXIST... SO I COULD HELP OTHERS!
AND THEN GOD GAVE ME THIS POWER...

I'M SCARED THAT I COULD BE TURNED BACK INTO SOMEONE NO ONE NEEDS!!
I'M SCARED...

LET'S HEAD BACK.
...I GET IT
A REASON TO EXIST...



SO HE ALWAYS WANTS TO BE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS FOR HIS OWN SAKE, HUH..
SORRY..
I GUESS EVEN SOMEONE AS RECKLESS AS HIM NEEDS SOMETHING LIKE THAT.


WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANY POWER USERS LIKE THIS ANYWAY...
IT SURE GOT FOGGY..

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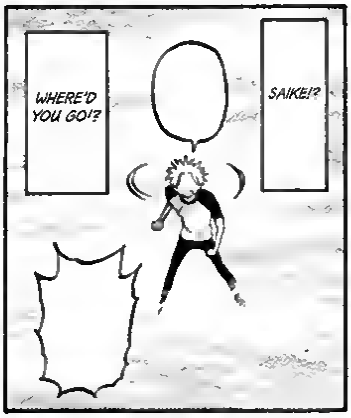
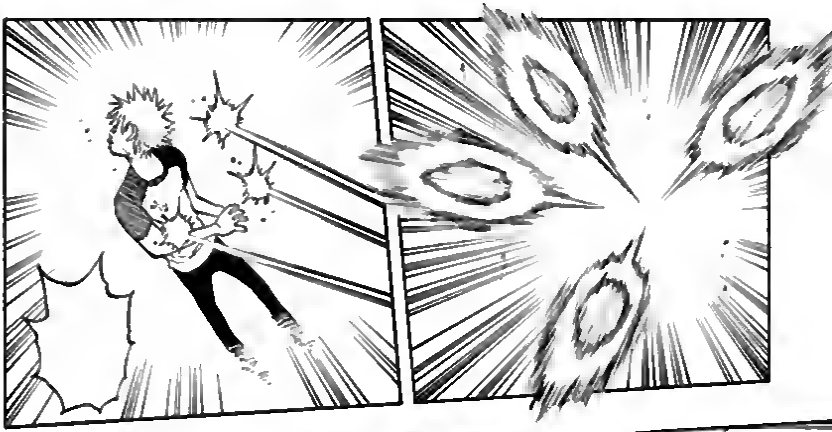
WHAT THE!? MY VOICE!!
IT'S LIKE THE FOG IS ERASING ALL SOUND!!


WHERE'D YOU GO!?
SAIKE!?



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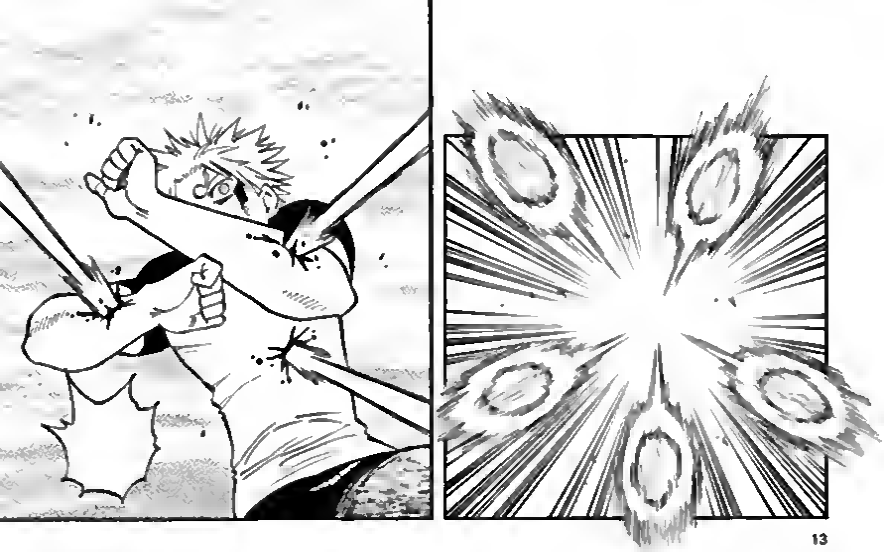
I WAS HURT !?



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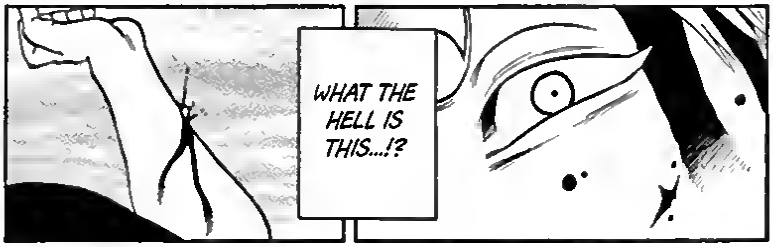

WHAT THE!!?
SILENT MIST, RELEASE.

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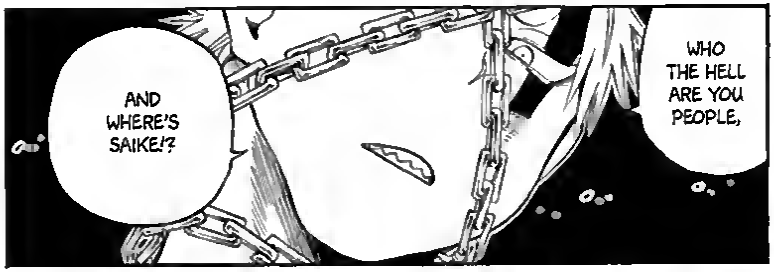
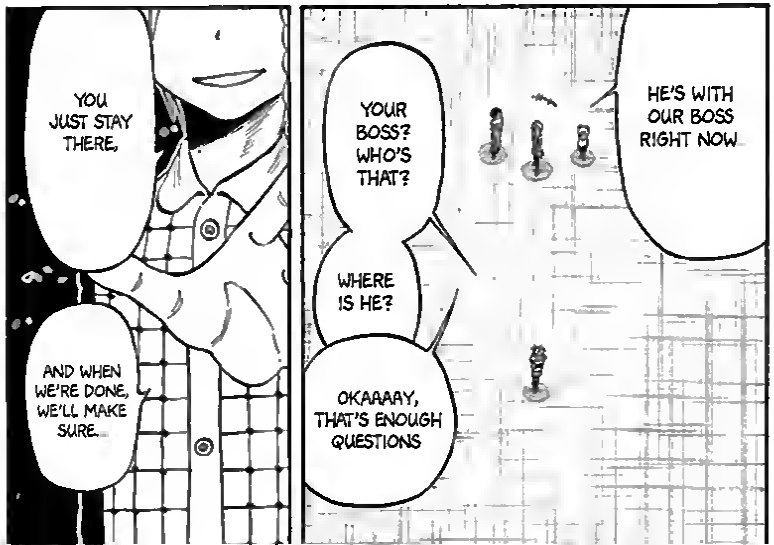
SLIME A'S MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN SEALED!
DUN DUN DUN DUUUN DUUN DUN DUN DU DUDUUUN! ♪
Oh Oh Oh

THE HERO RECITED THE "CHAIN WEAVING" SPELL.

SLIME A CALLED FOR HELP!
..BUT NOBODY CAME.
HEY! WHERE'D YOU GO, SAIKE!?
SAIKE!!


AND WHERE'S SAIKE!?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE,


YOU JUST STAY THERE,
AND WHEN WE'RE DONE, WE'LL MAKE SURE...
YOUR BOSS? WHO'S THAT?
WHERE IS HE?
OKAAAAY, THAT'S ENOUGH QUESTIONS
HE'S WITH OUR BOSS RIGHT NOW

TO ERASE
YOUR MAGIC TOO.♡
I GET IT.
YOU'RE THE ONES WITH THE POWER TO ERASE OTHER POWERS, AREN'T YOU?
I SAID, NO MORE QUESTIONS.
I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.
WHERE. IS. SAIKE?
HOW ABOUT YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH FOR A WHILE?

HOW ABOUT NO?

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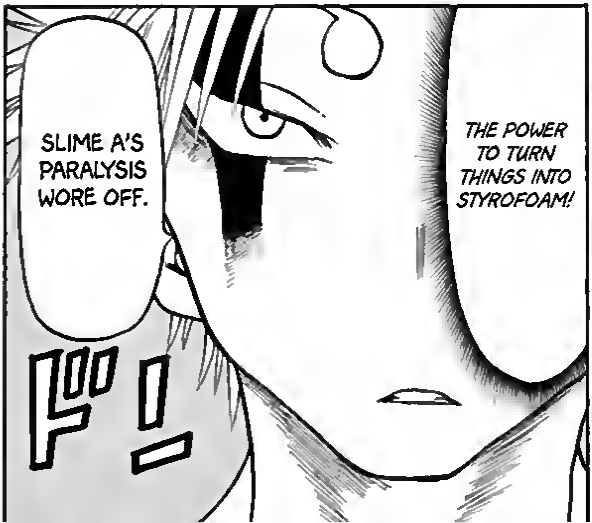
SLIME A'S PARALYSIS WORE OFF.
THE POWER TO TURN THINGS INTO STYROFOAM!
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TAKE 21: YOU'RE NO HERO

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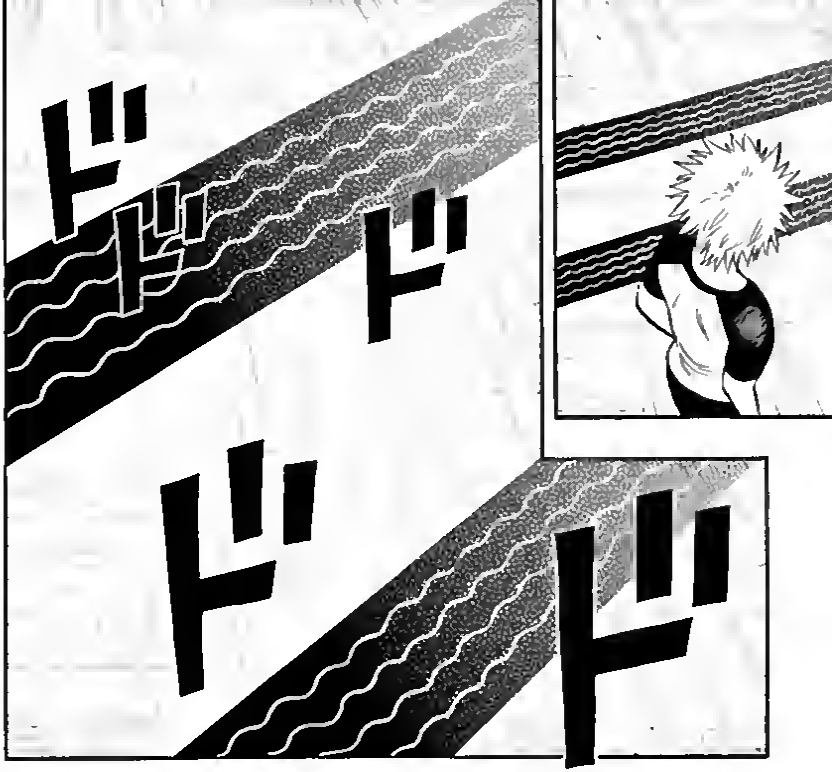
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL, CALIM. WE WERE EXPLICITLY TOLD HE COULD TURN THINGS INTO STYROFOAM.
HUH? OH, RIGHT.
HUH? HE BROKE THROUGH MY CHAINS...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THE ROOF!
CHAIN AVALANCHE!
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SLIME A FLED!

THUNK
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RETURN.
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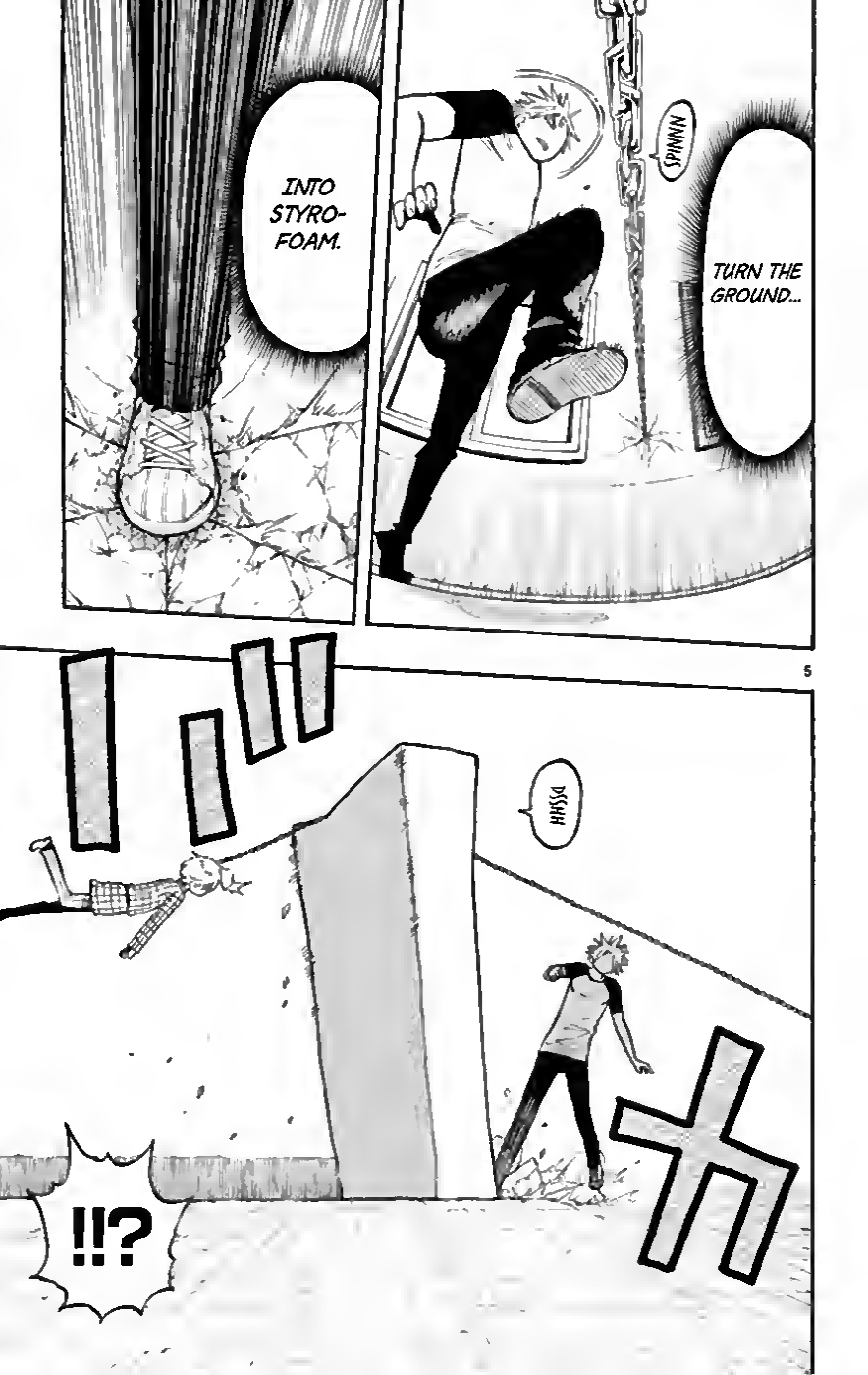
!?
DA DA DA DAAA!
THE HERO ATTACKED!


INTO STYRO-FOAM.
SPINNN
TURN THE GROUND...
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PSHH
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NICE REFLEXES!
HUH?

DASH
SLIDE

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THE ROOF'S OFF-LIMITS, BRO!♪
SORRY, BUT...

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GH...
SAIKE KUZUSHIRO.
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE,

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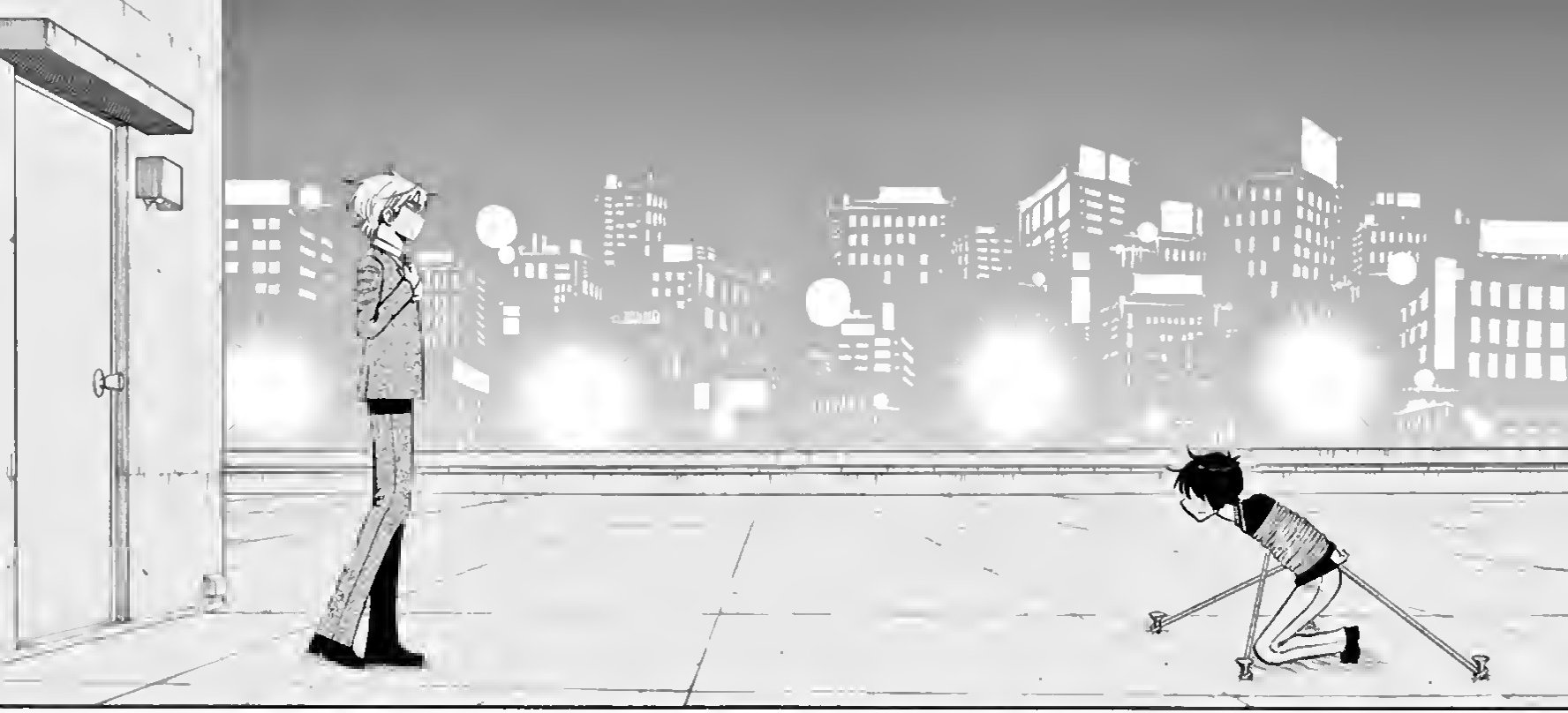
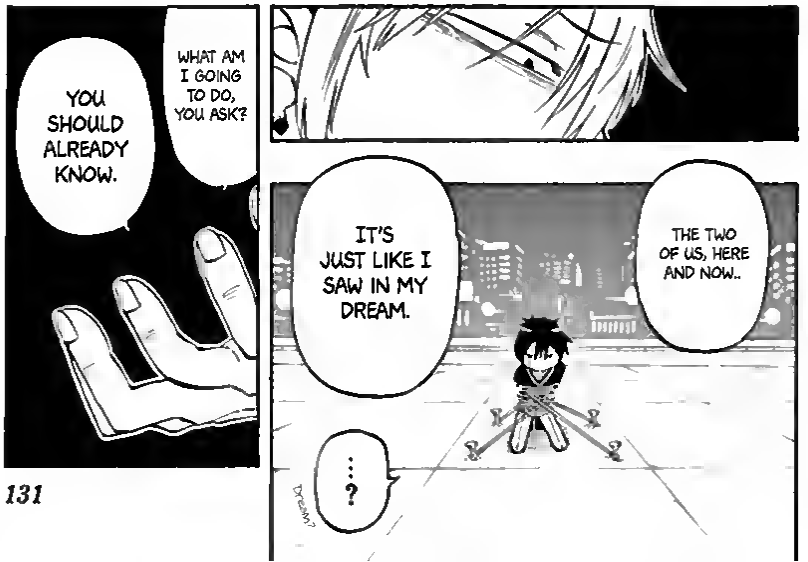
MY NAME IS YUMEWO KURODA.




YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, YOU ASK?

IT'S JUST LIKE I SAW IN MY DREAM.
THE TWO OF US, HERE AND NOW..
...?
DREAM?

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO TO ME!?
WHO ARE YOU!?

KURODA...?

I'M GOING TO ERASE YOUR POWER.
YOUR POWER TO REVERSE TIME.

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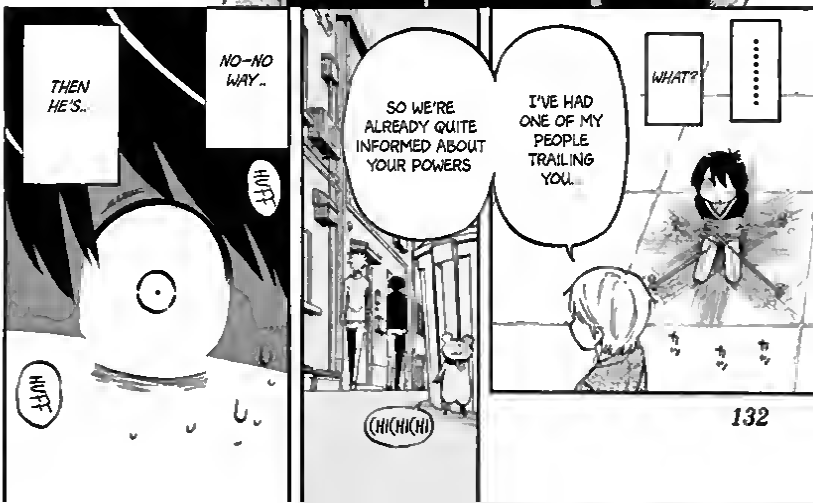
WHAT?
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I'VE HAD ONE OF MY PEOPLE TRAILING YOU.
SO WE'RE ALREADY QUITE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR POWERS
(HI(HI(HI
NO-NO WAY..
THEN HE'S..
HUFF
HUFF

JOLT
STEP
I DIDN'T..
I DIDN'T THINK I'D RUN INTO HIM SO SOON!
THE ONE WITH THE POWER TO TAKE POWERS!?

WHY ARE YOU...
GOING AROUND ERASING POWERS!?
W-
WAIT!
HE'S GOING TO STEAL...
MY POWER!

BECAUSE THESE POWERS HAVE BECOME THE LETHAL WEAPONS OF THE DERANGED
THOSE WITH THESE ABILITIES ARE SURE TO ALLOW THEIR HEARTS TO ROT AND USE THEM FOR WRONGDOING.
THAT IS WHY WE MUST ERASE THEM.
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THANK GOODNESS, HE'S NOT MY ENEMY THEN!
DON'T WORRY, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF USING MY POWER FOR EVIL!
AND I WANNA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, JUST LIKE YOU!
I WANT TO HELP REFORM THOSE WHO WOULD USE THEIR POWERS FOR EVIL!
I KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'RE USING THEIR POWERS FOR EVIL...
O-OH!
IS THAT ALL?
You had me worried for a minute!
.....

I HAVE THESE DREAMS OF THE NEAR FUTURE FROM TIME TO TIME..
I CALL THEM "PREMONITORY DREAMS"
I'VE ALREADY SEEN BITS AND PIECES OF YOUR CONDUCT.
I KNOW.
YOU'VE USED THAT POWER TO SAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE,
AND YOU HAVE REFORMED THOSE WHO WOULD USE THEIR POWERS FOR WRONGDOING..
JUST LIKE A HERO WOULD.
YES! THAT'S EXACTLY IT!
AND THAT IS WHY YOU ARE DANGEROUS.
SAIKE KUZUSHIRO..
LISTEN TO ME.

YOU'RE NO HERO.
YOU ARE A DEMON.

HUH?
I TRULY AM SORRY...
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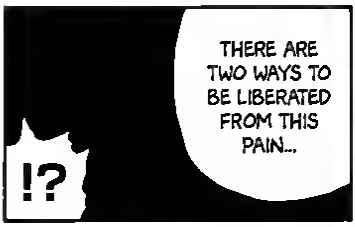
ON.
ORACLE DEBUG...
ZWK!
AAH...
THROB
THROB
THROB
AH...?

MY HEAD... IT'S GOING TO BREAK!!!
STO...
UGAA AAAH HHH!!
IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT? FEELS LIKE YOUR HEAD IS GOING TO SPLIT OPEN?
DRIP DRIP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THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BE LIBERATED FROM THIS PAIN...

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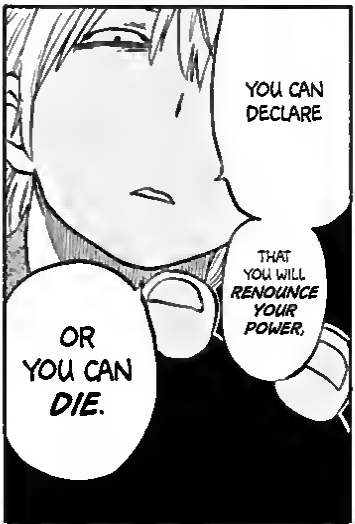
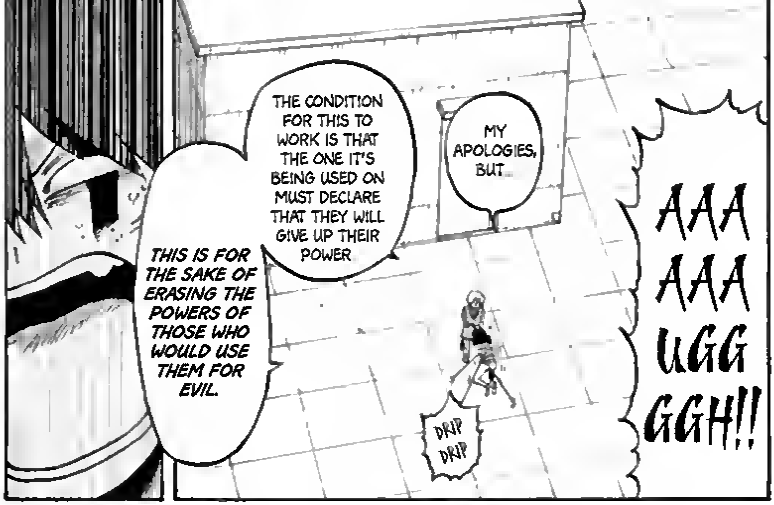

YOU CAN DECLARE
THAT YOU WILL *RENOUNCE YOUR POWER*,
OR YOU CAN *DIE*.

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHH
IT HURTS, IT HURTS, IT HUUUUUURTS!!!


AAA AAA UGG GGH!!
MY APOLOGIES, BUT...
THE CONDITION FOR THIS TO WORK IS THAT THE ONE IT'S BEING USED ON MUST DECLARE THAT THEY WILL GIVE UP THEIR POWER
THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF ERASING THE POWERS OF THOSE WHO WOULD USE THEM FOR EVIL.
DRIP DRIP

AAA UUU UUU UUG HHH HH!!
IF YOU DO, I'LL GRANT YOU PEACE.
PLOP
I KNOW IT HURTS, BUT ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY THE WORD.
AAA UUU UUU UUG HHH HH!
WELL?
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AAA HHH HH!!
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ABOUT WHAT?
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AAHH...
YOU'RE WRONG...
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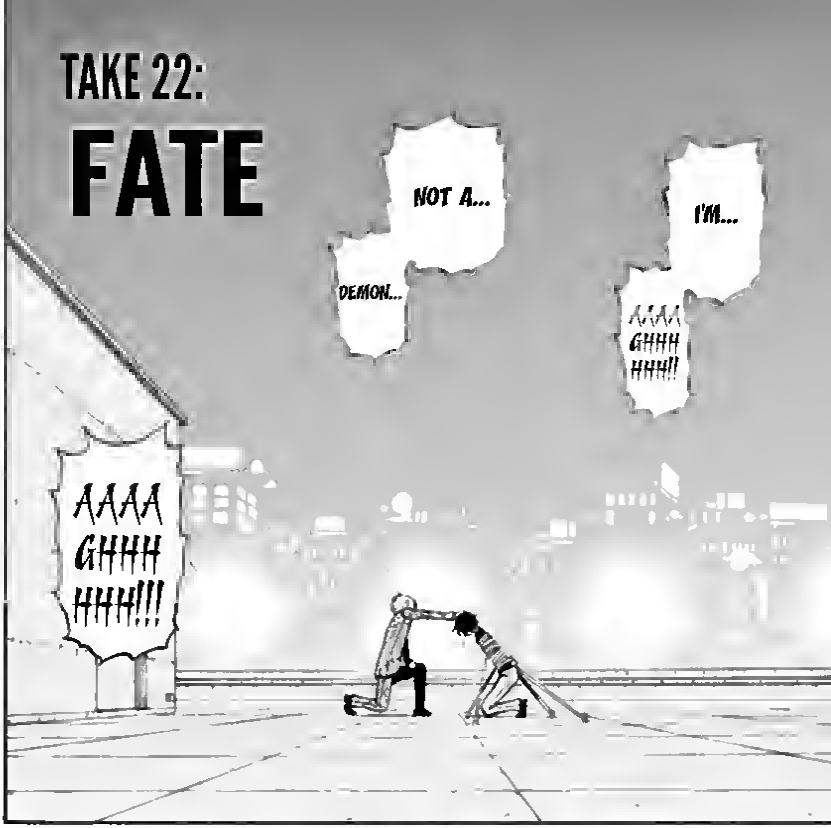
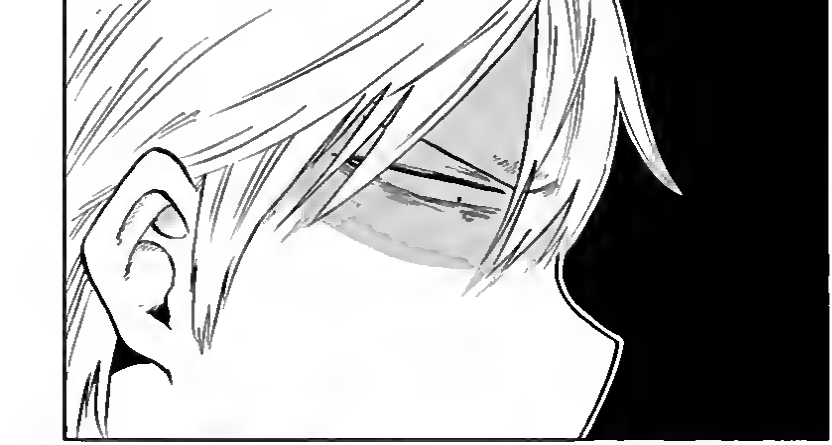

TAKE 22:
FATE
NOT A...
DEMON...
I'M...
AAAA GHHH HHH!!!
AAAA GHHH HHH!!!

FUTURES...!!
AAA GH...
I JUST... WANT TO PROTECT...
EVERYONE'S...



AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHY YOU ARE A DEMON...

SAIKE KUZUSHIRO.

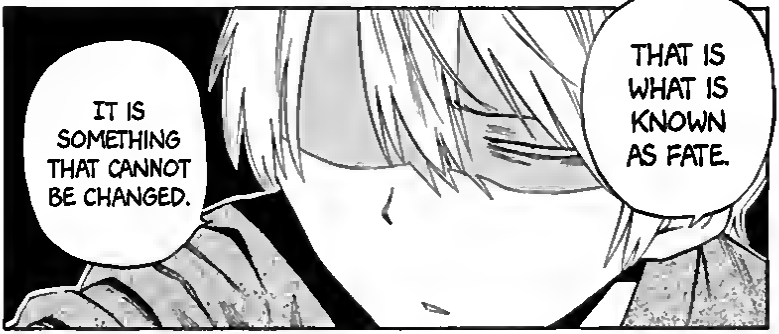
IT INTERFERES WITH THE PAST...
AND REVISES THE TRAJECTORIES OF MISTAKES AND ERRORS.

WANTING TO CORRECT MISTAKES AND ERRORS...!?
AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH...

IS NO LONGER "FATE."
FATE THAT HAS BEEN DISTORTED...

PEOPLE...
HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE MISTAKES.
EVERYONE LEARNS FROM THEIR MISTAKES AND DESPAIR...
THEY ACCEPT THEM...
AND MATURE.
"I'LL NEVER DO THIS THE WRONG WAY AGAIN."
AND SO ON.
"I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE."

FOR WHICH THERE WILL BE NO "NEXT TIME"...
AND EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SOME MISTAKES...
ARE TANTAMOUNT TO STEALING THEIR RIGHT TO MAKE MISTAKES AND GROW FROM THEM FOR THE NEXT TIME.
YOUR ACTIONS..
.....!!


IT IS SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED.
THAT IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS FATE.

GRIP
SAIKE KUZUSHIRO.
JUST TO SAVE THOSE BEFORE YOU AS YOU PLAY HERO.
YET YOU CONTINUE TO PERVERT AND DISTORT FATE...

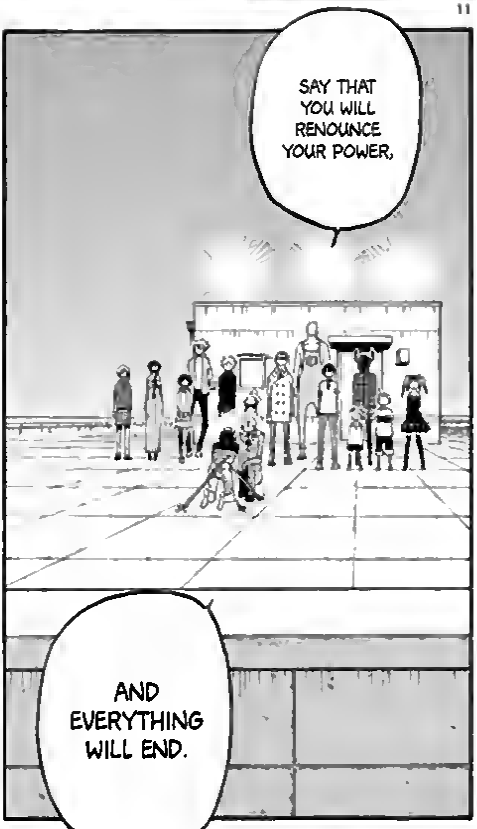
A TRUE HERO WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING.
WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL.
YET WHILE THERE ARE SOME YOUR EGO CAN SAVE, THERE ARE OTHERS IT CANNOT.
CLICK
IT IS THE EPITOME OF UNFAIRNESS.
I HATE THIS POWER.
EVERYONE SHOULD BE EQUAL.

EVEN KNOWING THAT...
WILL YOU CONTINUE TO USE YOUR POWER?

NOW, SAY IT...
SAIKE KUZUSHIRO.

I...
YES?

I...


SAY THAT YOU WILL RENOUNCE YOUR POWER,
AND EVERYTHING WILL END.

YEAH...
MAYBE IT IS JUST MY EGO...
BUT...
EVEN SO...
SAIKE KUZUSHIRO!
EVEN SO...
I'LL KEEP USING MY POWER...

IF MY EGO CAN SAVE SOMEONE...
BUT EVEN SO...
THEN I'LL GLADLY BECOME A DEMON...

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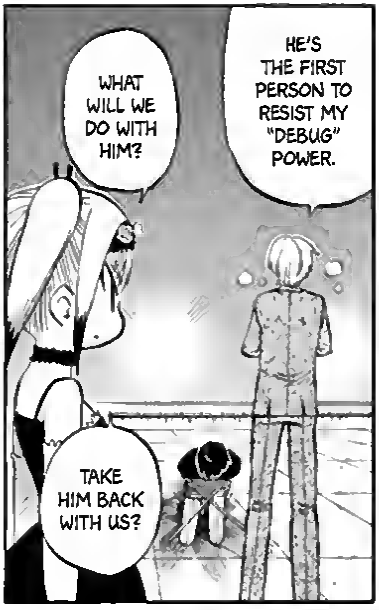
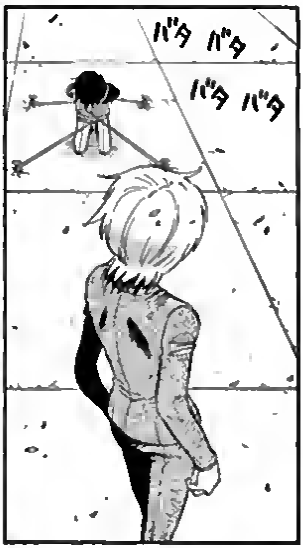

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH HIM?
HE'S THE FIRST PERSON TO RESIST MY "DEBUG" POWER.
TAKE HIM BACK WITH US?

NO... HE JUST FAINTED.
IS HE DEAD?
YUMEWO...

I DON'T RECALL ASKING YOU, YAOTOME.
A CRAZY DUDE LIKE THIS WON'T LET HIS ABILITY GO. NO MATTER WHAT WE DO TO HIM.
THAT'S A NO GO, AN
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

EVENTUALLY, I WILL ERASE HIS POWER FOR SURE.
WE'LL WITHDRAW FOR TODAY.

YOUR POWER WILL BRING CHAOS UPON THIS WORLD.
SOME DAY, YOU'LL CAUSE TOO GREAT A DISTORTION AND BRING HARM TO SOMEONE

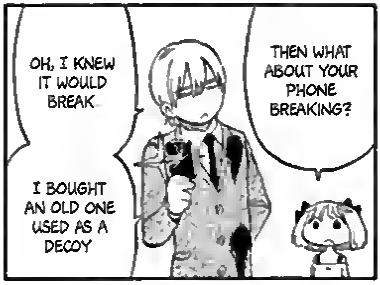


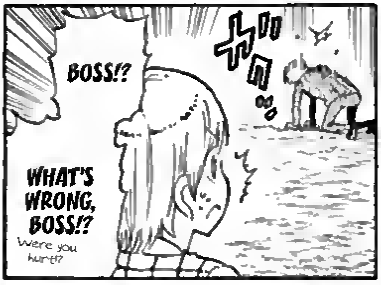
I'LL TEST YOU...
AND SEE JUST HOW FAR YOU'LL GO...
SO BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE WILL ANNIHILATE THAT POWER.
I GUARANTEE IT.

WITH YOUR LITTLE GAME OF PLAYING HERO.

~ COMING UP WITH A TITLE 2 ~

A CHEAP SUIT





A CHILD'S OPINION